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Crowd
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Somewhere In The Crowd



Parry McCluer High School Seniors celebrate the conclusion of their high school careers by tossing their cps in the air after receiving their diplomas.

As freshmen we entered the halls of Parry McCluer High School and each of us was bombarded with new names and faces. We were all "Somewhere In the Crowd" until our interests in academics, sports, music or art began to blossom. Once friendships grew and identities were established we were no longer lost. In the four years spent at PMHS whether we made straight A's or were the stars of an athletic team, each of us found a niche in which to succeed. When the Class of 1996 entered classes at PMHS in 1992, we knew our peers, but during the sophomore year everyone became comfortable making friends with the upperclassmen. Those who were interested in sports and music began to master the routines of practices and competitions. As juniors we perfected what we had learned from the past. As seniors the Class of '96 put our best foot forward — we had found our place in the crowd.

Hot and tired football players drink from the water hose at the end of another hard practice.

Mrs. Floyd and Mrs. Carr are busy handing out watermelon and Mello Yello to Juniors at Watermelon Bash.



Varsity Cheerleaders welcome parents and teachers at the first "Back to School Night".



Monica hands out song sheets at the Watermelon Bash as other seniors look on.

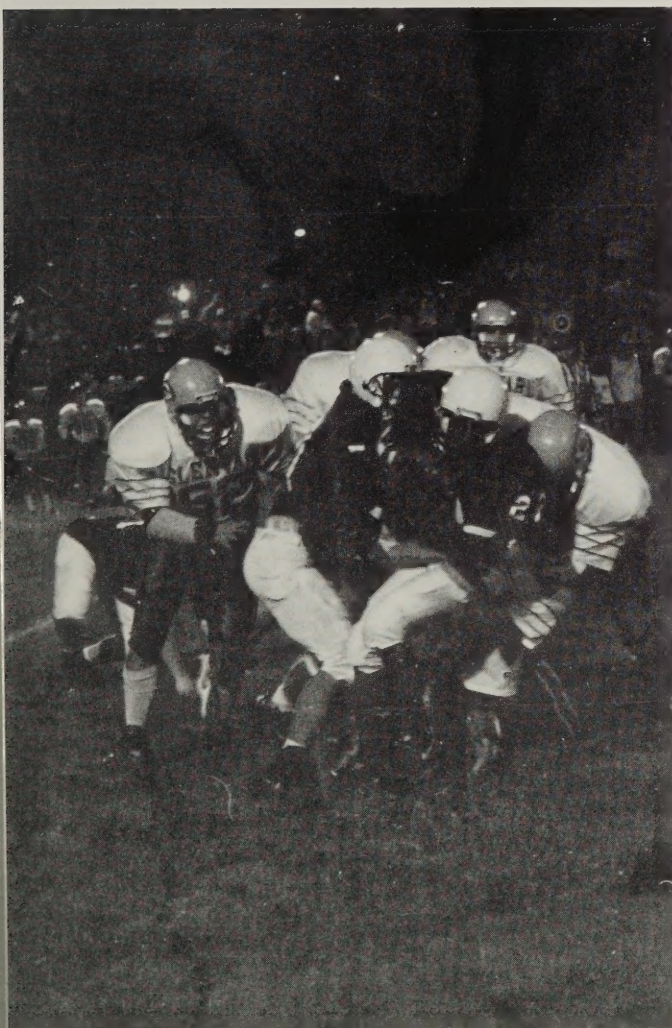
Mr. Evans helps Damion Beverly stretch before running.



Shawn, Erin, and Mary Beth, as well as several others, seem to be enjoying themselves out on the dance floor Homecoming night.



The Highlanders try to stop D.J., but to no avail. The Blues defeated Glenvar in overtime of the Homecoming game.



What was your favorite Christmas surprise?

"My daughter Amanda Holly who was born on December 20th."

— Mrs. Doris Strickler

"My boyfriend invited me to a dance at his school. He introduced me to his friends as his special lady."

— Anonymous

"My parents surprised me with a trip out of town. We spent the holiday in Aspen."

— Anonymous

"Waking up to six inches of snow!"

— G.S.

"My Mom and Dad surprised me with a **new car!** No longer did I have to drive the station wagon."

— Anonymous



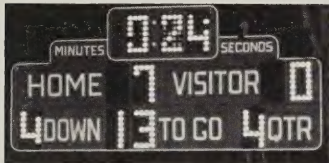
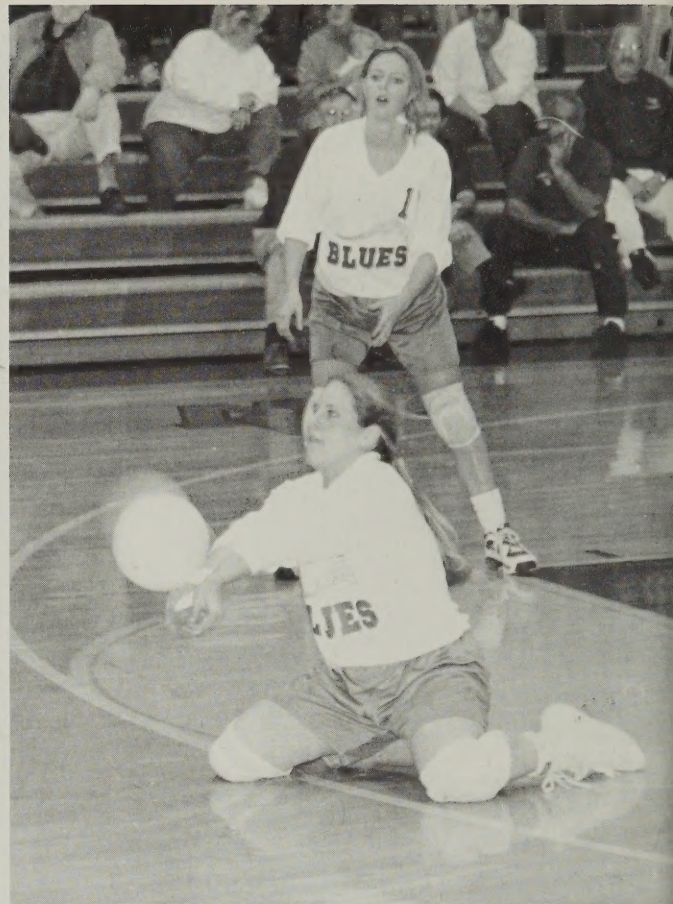
Paul extends his arm so his blood pressure can be taken before giving blood.

The final seconds tick down on the Blues victory over the Rockbridge County "Wildcats".



A Blues fan holds up a sign cheering on the football team to victory.

Melanie successfully recovers a spike while Monica watches.

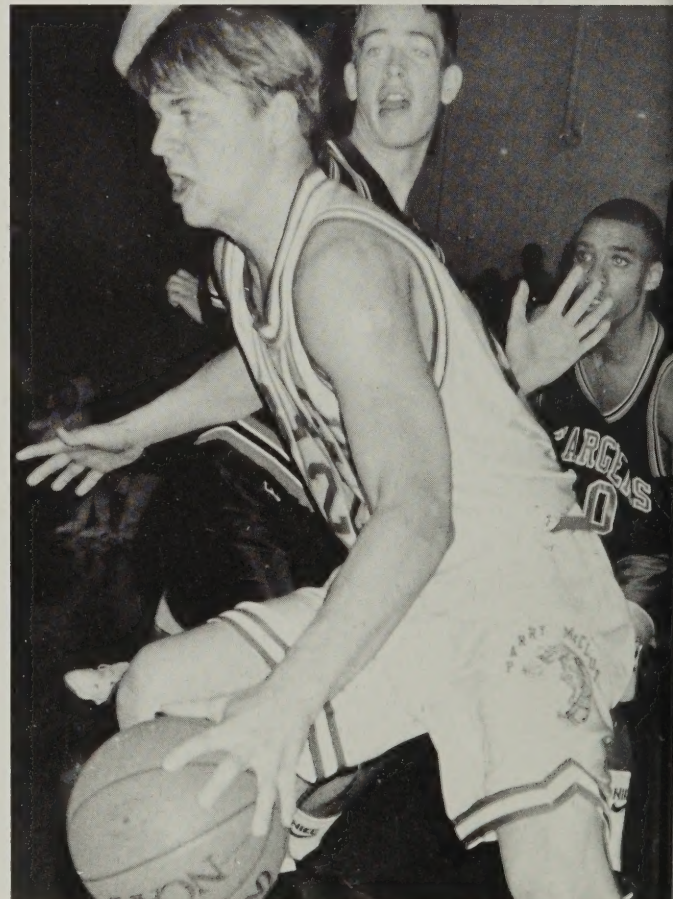


The Blues face the Wildcats in the ongoing rivalry between football teams.

Nathan makes his way to the basket past a Bath County player.



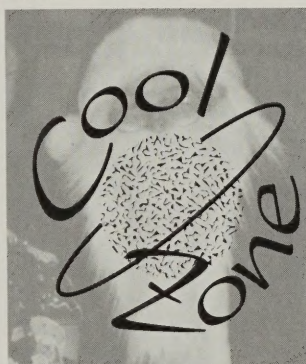
Jason Coleman rests after his climb up Sem hill before preparing to sleigh back down.





Michael Pope frowns as he gathers his books so he can complete all assigned homework for Winter Break.

The 1996 Snow Court is decked out for the Christmas Parade. Melanie Wexel, dressed in white, was crowned Snow Queen.



Bridgett and Charity smile as the first snowflakes begin to fall to create a white winterland for the holidays.

The lunchroom staff is in the holiday spirit. Ho! Ho! Ho! Is that Santa Claus?

Shop teacher, Ward Lockett, talks to Workforce Endorsement Agreement (WEA) business sponsors at the first of seven WEA dinners.



The Girl's Volleyball Team poses for a picture before going into combat with George Wythe in the first game of the Region C Tournament.



Mikie Clark and Michael Decker protect the ball from an attacking Wildcat.

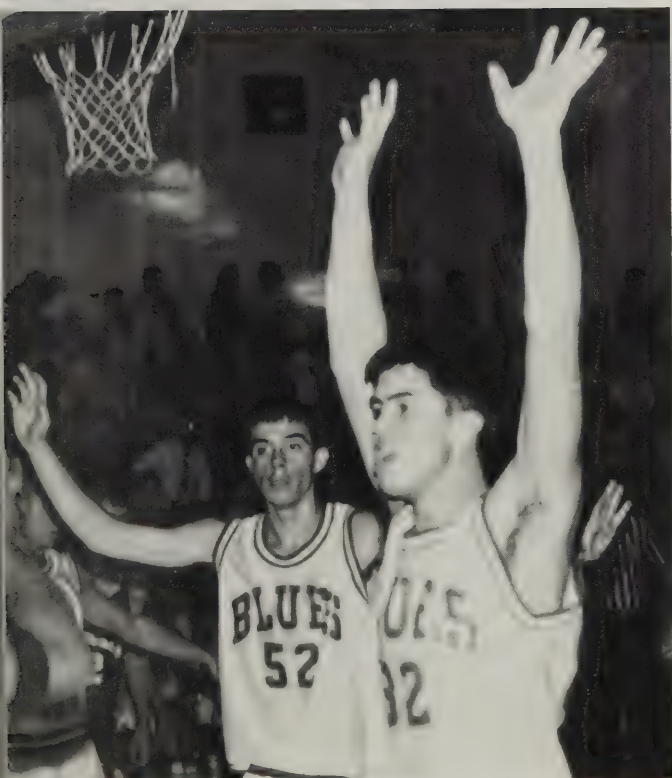


Matt Wheeler can't believe his truck is buried in the snow. Go get a shovel!

Catherine DeReus sets the ball as Clarissa Johnson prepares to bump it over the net.



Erin Dickinson waits for the ball to descend so she can make a kill.



Michael Decker makes another layup to keep the game very close against the Cougars.

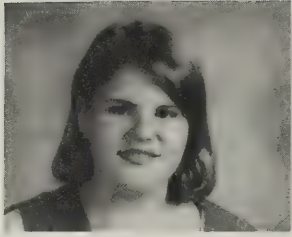


Mikie Clark yells at a Rockbridge County High School player hoping that a five seconds violation will be called.

Boo Ramsey appears frightened as the ball comes straight at him.

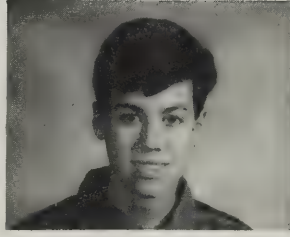
Our Academic Team was the underdog, but finished on top.

Academic Team Members Speak



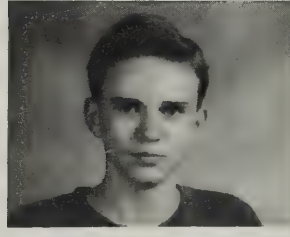
"I enjoyed having the chance to be a part of the academic bowl. It was a very enlightening experience that I hope I can do again."

— Sarah Hamlett



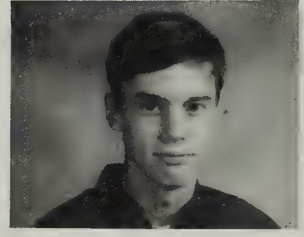
"Academic competitions are just as, or more important than athletic competitions. Fortunately, they are finally getting the attention they deserve."

— John Laprade



"I really enjoy the competitions as well as meeting new people. I'm glad to have been given a chance to participate in such a great competition."

— Justin Ratcliff



"We did much better than people expected."

— Phillip Wohlrab



The Academic team poses for a picture before going off into battle. Members are (back row r to l) Jonathon Hamilton, Justin Ratcliff, Brennan Gilmore, Sponsor Dr. Ron Gravatt, Dusty Maxwell, Sarah Hamlett, Phillip Wohlrab, and John Laprade.

These five band members traveled to the University of Tennessee and participated in the UT Honors Band. They are (Back row r to l) Marcie Davis, Dawn Tetzloff, Band Director Angela Leonard, Jon Griffin, Peter DeReus, and Rob Beard.





Dressed and ready for Spring are sophomores Chy Clark and Dawn Robinson. Both girls were students in Mrs. Dickinson's World Geography Class, studying culture and dress.



Mr. Beasley says "Yes, I'm ready," after discussing plans for Spring Break with other office staff.

Hanging out at the Rhine Falls in Switzerland are 15 PMHS students, seen here with their French Canadian friends from Montreal. The students toured Europe April 4th through the 13th.



Junior Erin Dickinson tells her friend Misty Floyd just what to do with that camera.



Seniors Melanie Wexel and Nikki Cash look so excited as they wait to board the bus to Rockbridge County High School. The seniors went to RCHS to hear a Virginia Supreme Court Justice speak.

Softball pitcher Chrystal Humphries provides another out as she makes a play to first baseman Lindsey Coleman.

Nikki Lockett takes a break from painting face tattoos at the Spring Fling to smile for the camera.



"Afflicted Cattle" performed for most of the Fling since it was raining.

Mrs. Floyd seems to be having a blast running the balloon dart booth.



Mr. Bond admits to having spied on Mrs. Clemmer's Biology classes and stands for the punishment.



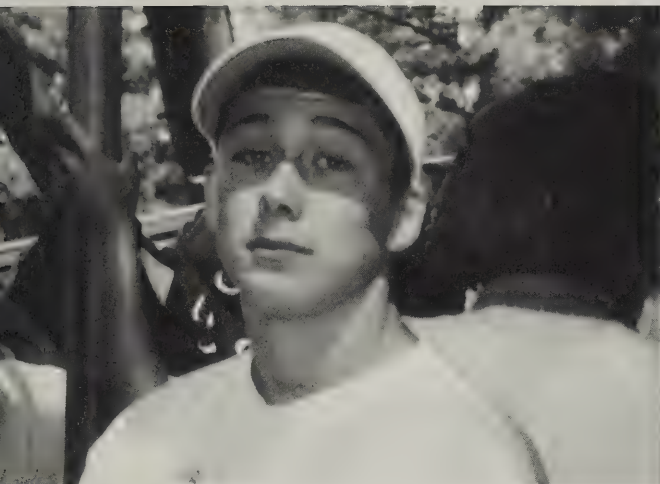
Catherine DeReus and Ashley Eason smile while "Afflicted Cattle" perform.



Ashley Eason and Nikki Cash show off their "Grateful Dead" tattoos which they had painted at the painting booth run by Mrs. Strickler.



Kings Dominion '96



Leslie Coffey and Hillary McCormick seem to be excited about their Senior Trip.



Catherine DeReus and Melanie Wexel are ready to ride Divinchi's Cradle.



Mr. Loy takes a break after surviving all of those wet'n'wild rides!

Waylon Miller tries to play it cool, although he is really scared about the next ride.



Teresa Wise and Michael Pope can't hold in their feelings any longer about their assigned bus.



Catherine DeReus and Amy Benavitch make two new friends, while Melanie Wexel searches through Catherine's bag.



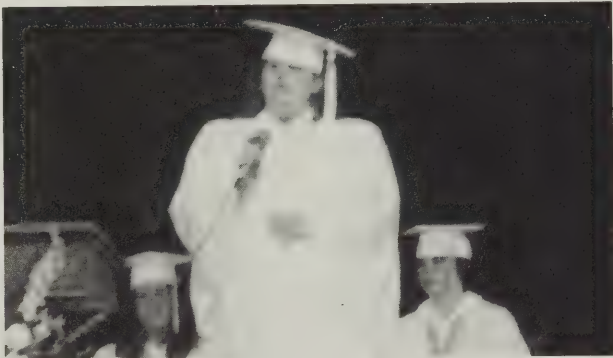
Catherine DeReus and Amy Benavitch meet Star Trek characters at the end of a fun filled day.

The Class of 1996



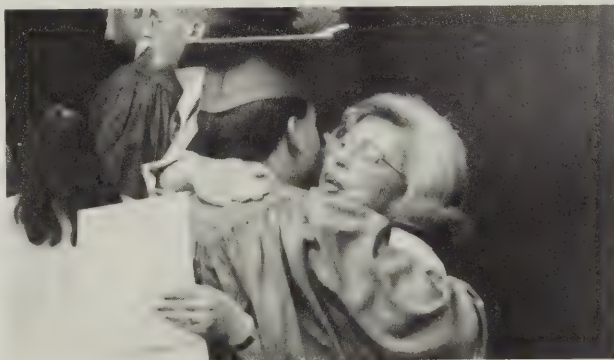
Senior Awards Banquet

Seniors Elizabeth Buckland, Robyn Lawhorne, and Gary Camden smile at the Senior Banquet. This night held many surprises for the Class of '96. The Senior class officers made a slide show presentation using pictures from the past. Later parents arrived and an awards ceremony was held recognizing each individual for their hard work over the last four years.



Baccalaureate

Stephanie Lewis, Bridgett Barger, Renee Dudley, and Lynn Long are dressed in their caps and gowns for Baccalaureate. This evening was very nice. Danielle Coffey sang, "If I Were You" and Ed Johnson's father, Rev. Johnson spoke at the ceremony. His focus was "What Is the Meaning of Life?". Seniors were able to contemplate exactly what receiving their diploma actually meant.



Graduation Rehearsal

Class President, Melanie Wexel and Mr. Flint try to straighten out any confusion at graduation rehearsal. Seniors met at Glen Maury Park the morning of graduation to practice the special moment when they would receive their diplomas. Many were anxious on this particular morning; paying debts, packing for the beach, or just keeping busy so the hours would not seem to drag on.

Nathan Floyd tries to beat the heat before the graduation ceremonies begin. It was a very hot evening on June 14th.

Danielle Coffey gave a moving performance of the song, "Letting Go". Danielle's beautiful voice moved all of the graduates including the many in attendance.



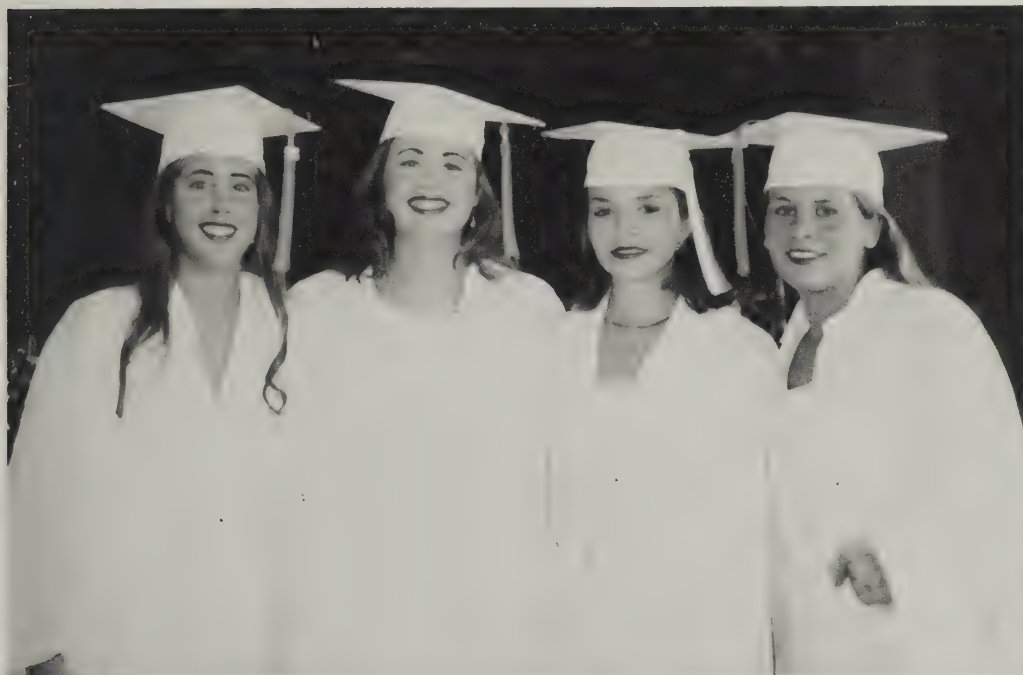
Head Senior Sponsor, Mrs. Pryor, hugs Michael Pope congratulating him on all of his achievements over the past four years.

Salutatorian Elizabeth Buckland smiles proudly after descending from the stage. Congratulations Elizabeth!





After everyone had received their diplomas, Mr. Flint instructs all Seniors to move their tassels from the left to the right declaring them official graduates of Parry McCluer High School.



Best friends Ashley Eason, Amy Benavitch, Nikki Cash, and Melanie Wexel get together before the ceremony begins for a picture. Congratulations girls!

Cherie Davis receives a hug from a family member after graduation is over. Congratulations Cherie!



Our Final Walk

Congratulations Class of '96

As we look back on the past, we see ourselves as excited, immature freshmen. We linger on our first Homecoming, our first Prom. So amazing, time has flown. As we open our eyes, we see ourselves scurrying, preparing for that last Homecoming game. The pressure is on, our Homecoming queens are announced. The dance, so precious. Everyone, so beautiful, so handsome. But sadly, it was our last Homecoming. As time passes, we are caught up, caught up in books and homework, hours of studying, studying for those hideous finals. Why? Because it is the end. The end of the year. We Seniors prepared for the Prom. Prom, so memorable. Memorable in that we shared

our last dance together. We walk our last walk. The parties, The parties which always follow. Tradition. Having the traditional toast to all Seniors. Celebrating the event. The year has halted. We prepare ourselves for this event. Graduation. As we drive down Magnolia, we see our school. The walls that have sheltered us for years, are releasing us. At Camden Field, we catch a glimpse of our sign "The Home of the Fighting Blues", we realize how precious all of it was. We say goodbye. Goodbye to all of our friends and teachers. As the speeches begin, tears start falling, falling because of the sadness. This is it. We now have to move on. As the names are called, we are re-

warded alphabetically. Rewarded for our achievements. Diplomas. They bear our names. We are no longer part of the student body. Another class has taken our place. It is over. The time has come to expand and explore. We take what we have learned, and apply it to our everyday tasks. Life will be hard, only if we make it that way. Parry McCluer, what is it? It is the school which proudly claims The Fighting Blues. Class of 1996. Good Luck in the future. May God Bless each and everyone of us, we have the power, The power to overcome any obstacles which would block our path. Why? Because we are who we are, We are the Class of 1996.



Natalie Nowlin is so excited about finally getting her diploma. Hey Natalie, "You're Outta Here!"

One Last Look

The year in which a student is a Senior seems to fly by. The final event, or grand finale, graduation, seems to last only a moment. Here is another look at those special moments we shared.

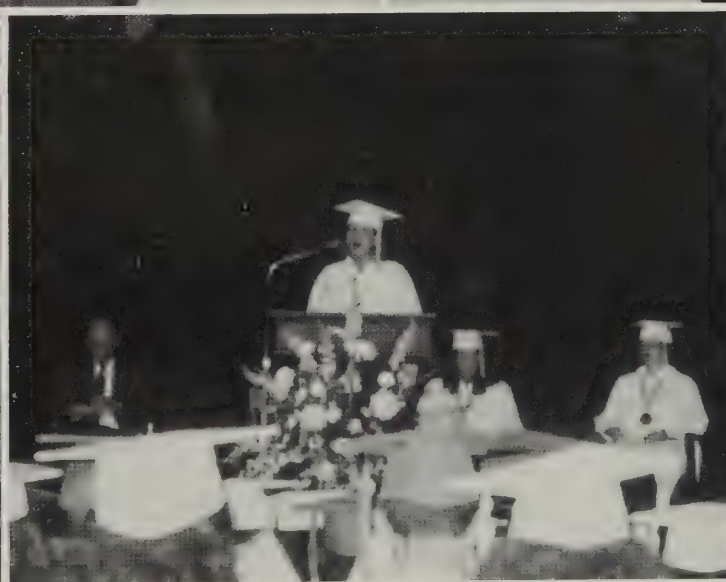
Catherine couldn't wait to try on that cap and gown!



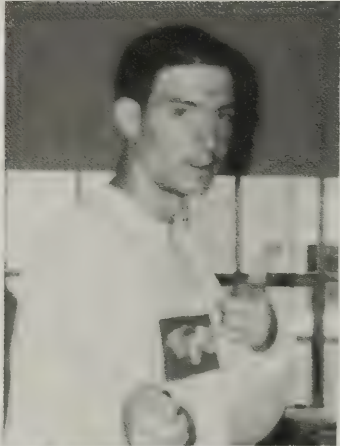
Teresa Wise and Catherine DeReus smile for the camera.

Bridgett Barger receives her diploma from Mr. Flint with a smile.





Good Luck Class of 1996



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GOOD TIMES
THAT LAST
FOREVER • THE
BIG GAME •
PROM NIGHT •
STUDYING
FOR FINALS •
A FAVORITE
TEACHER • OLD
FRIENDS • NEW
BEGINNINGS •
GRADUATION
CLOSING THE
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PEOPLE

Melody Dawn
Austin
Jacquelyn Bridgett
Barger
Jennifer Rose
Barger

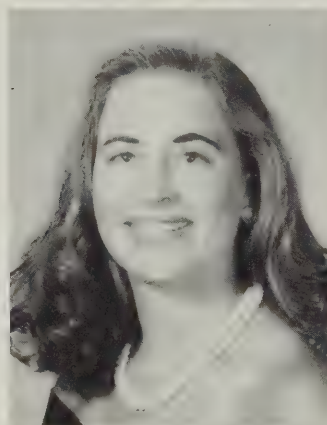


The six senior cheer-
leaders fired up the
Senior class in hopes of
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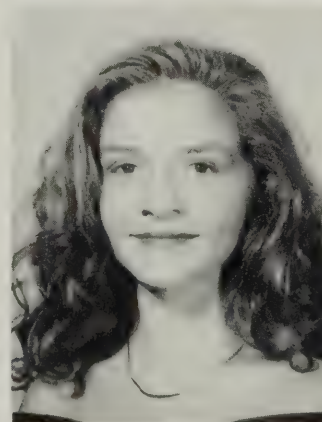
Robert Edward
Beard, Jr.



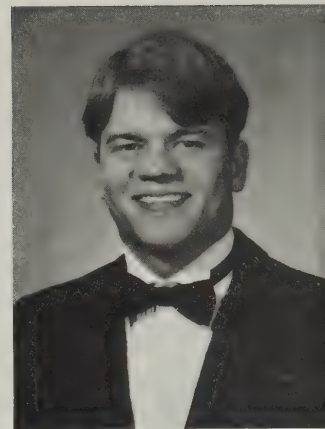
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Benavitch
Kimberly Dawn
Beverly
Rachael Elaine
Bibbo



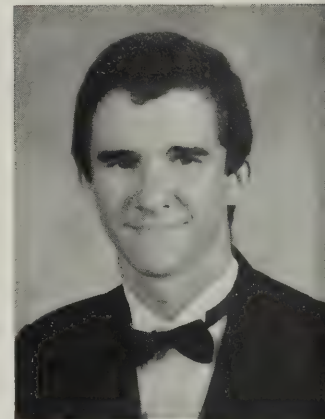
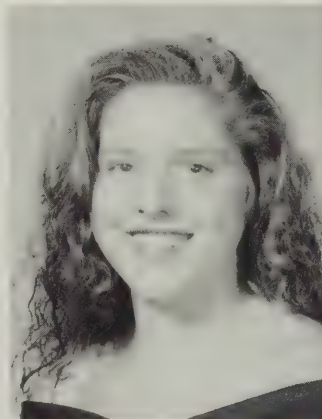
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Jennifer Nichole
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Chase Austin
Clark



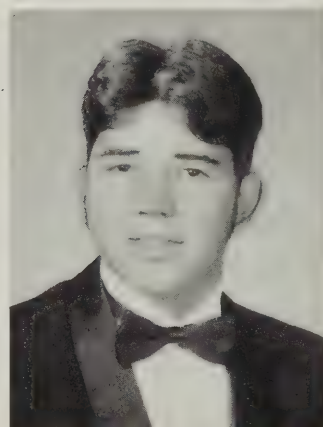
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Farris
LeAnna Ruth
Fitzgerald
Nathan Kayne
Floyd



Emily Elaine
Grow
Chrystal Jeanette
Humphries
Dean Saunders
Ingram



Edward Harvey
Johnson, Jr.
Robyn Christina
Lawhorne
Stephanie Anne
Lewis



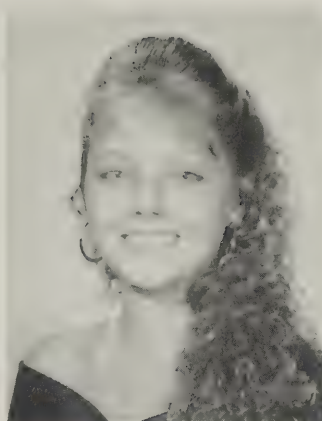
Charity Rebekah
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Nicole Lorraine
Lockett



Susan Elaine
Lominac



Wendy Gale
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Elizabeth Gail
Martyn



Hillary Kay
McCormick



Jerry Waylon
Miller



Rhonda Michelle
Miller

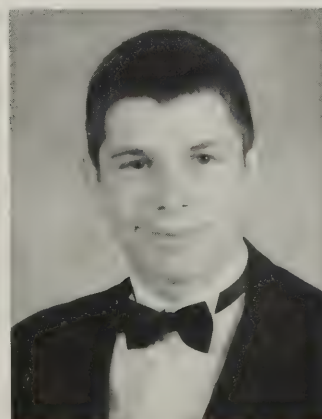


The football team
honors the Varsity
Cheerleaders for their
hard work and dedica-
tion.

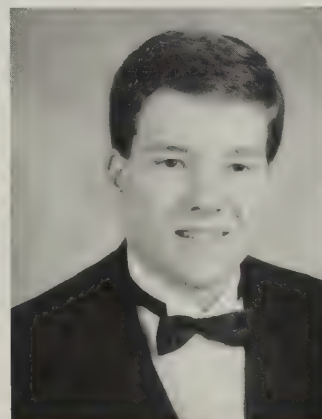
Natalie Renee
Nowlin



Brandon Wayne
Pemberton



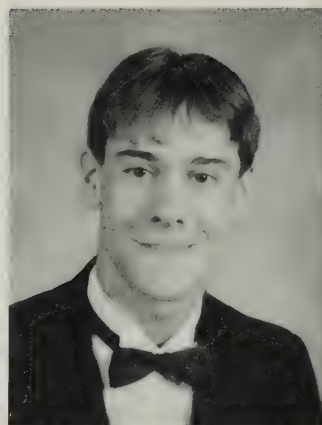
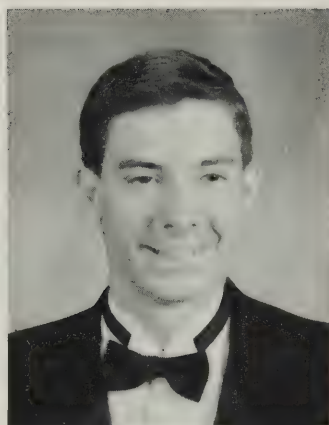
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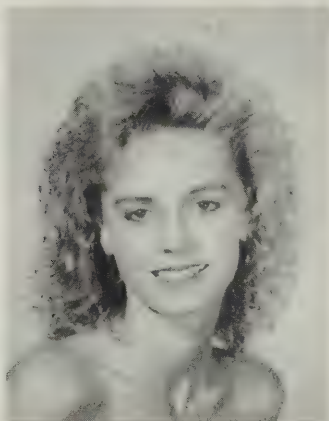
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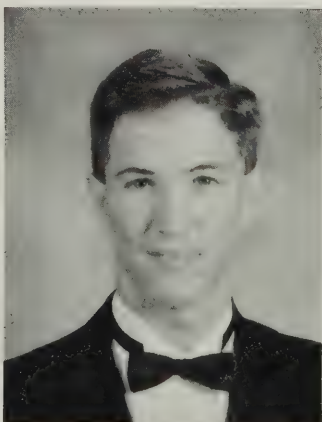
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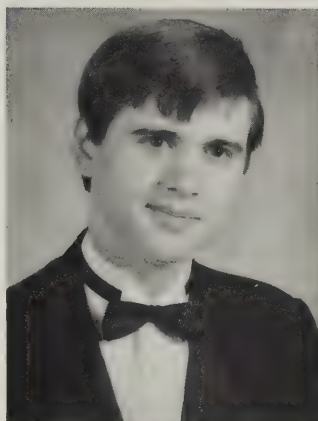
Melissa Gale
Tyree
Roger Matthew
Vass
Melanie Margaret
Wexel



Elizabeth Ruth
Wheeler
Paul Miles White
Misty Dawn Wilhelm



Robin Christopher Williams
Teresa Anne Wise



Seniors Not Pictured

Kristy Shannon
Carter
Melissa Joyce Carter
David Jay Douglas
Joshua Daniel Floyd
Shannon Leigh
Huffman
Heather Dawn Knick
Keith Allen Martin
David Wayne Mikels
Amanda Gail Mook
Cynthia Mae Ramsey
Brandon Jason

Rogers
Annie McCleaf Sachs
Carl Damon
Sanderson
Natasha Renee
Smith
Amy Darlene Tolley
Stefan Daniel Tomlin
David Wayne Tyree
Jeffrey Scott Zangari
Sheldon Ellis
Douglas



Melanie Wexel, Senior Class President, tries to conduct a class meeting.

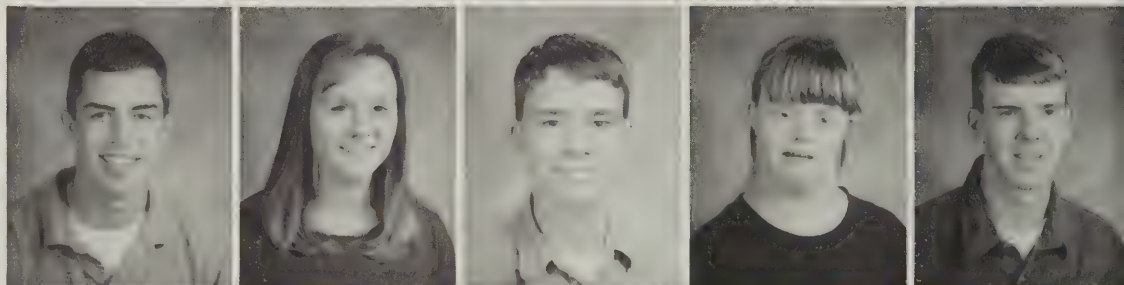
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Molly Bane
Jennifer Bayly
Monica Campbell



Angie Carr
Cristy Cash
Hunter Chittum
Gary Clark
Kazza Clark



Michael Clark
Erica Cochran
Chip Coleman
Danielle Coleman
David E. Coleman



Emily Coleman
Jason Coleman
Renae Conner
Michael Decker
Jeremy Deyo



Erin Dickinson
Wanda Eggleston
Brandi Fitzgerald
Devon Fitzgerald
Mandy Fitzgerald



The Class of '97



"Erin thinks she's
so smart!"



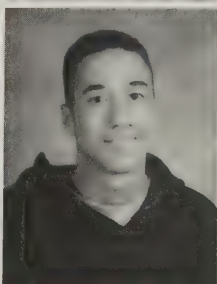
Martinez laughs at
one of Decker's
jokes.



Kelly, please share
the paint!



Misty Floyd
Robin Floyd
Christina Fowler
Monica Garrett
Joshua Gray



Jonathan Griffin
David Halterman
Chrystal Hamilton
David Hare
Billy Hartless

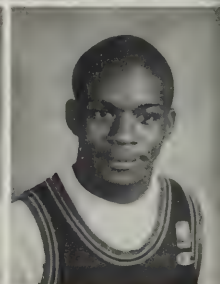
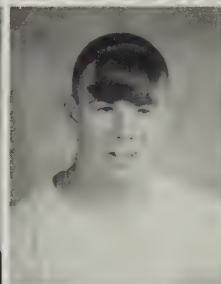
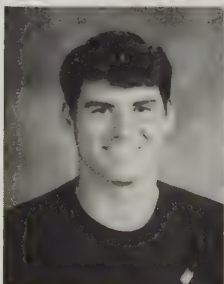


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Mary Beth Holland
Julie Huffman
Timothy Jennings

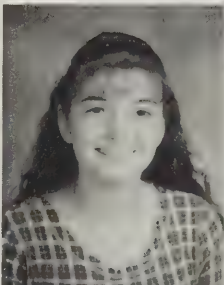
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 Clarissa Johnson
 Mandy Leighton
 Lynn Long
 Avery Martin



Eric Mason
 George Mason
 Joey Martinez
 Burton Mazingo
 Quan McCutcheon



Cindy Mikels
 Ben Mitchell
 Krystal Noel
 Brandy Presnell
 Kelly Pryor



Shelly Reid
 Kelly Roberts
 Whitney Rogers
 Donald Schley
 Shawn Smalls

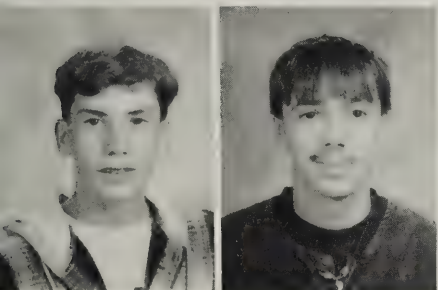


Jason Snider
 Robert Snider
 Craig Snodgrass
 Crystal Southers
 Leigh Ann Staton





Molly Stegar
F.T. Tomlin



Jason Tomlin
John Toombs



Matt Wheeler
Avis Williams



Philip Wohlrab
Jamie Wright

A quiet evening
with friends.



Juniors have
the spirit!

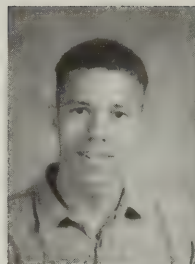


The day that all juniors
have anticipated for years
finally arrives.



MIKEY!!!!!!

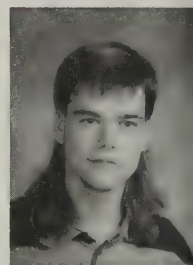
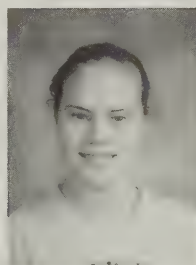
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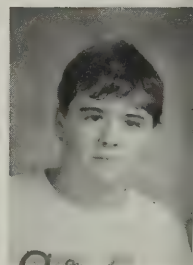
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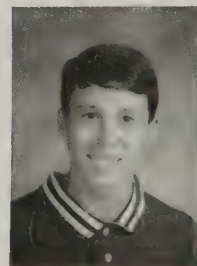
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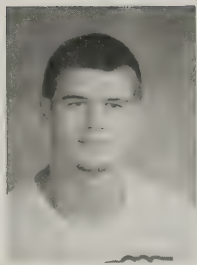


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 Megan Coleman
 David Conner



Renae Conner
 Courtney Dickinson
 Chasity Douglas
 David Downs
 Elizabeth Drake

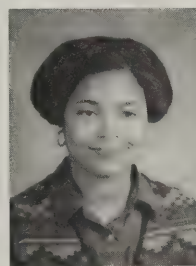




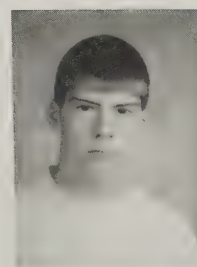
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Kristina Fields
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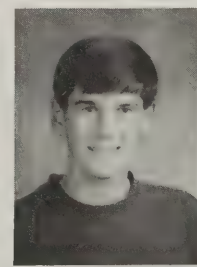
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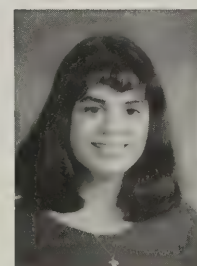
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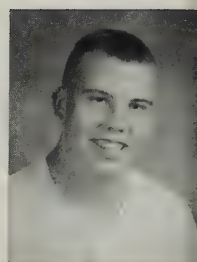


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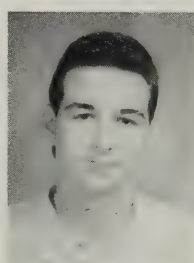
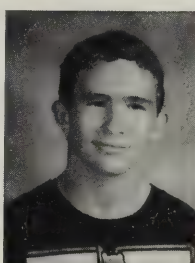
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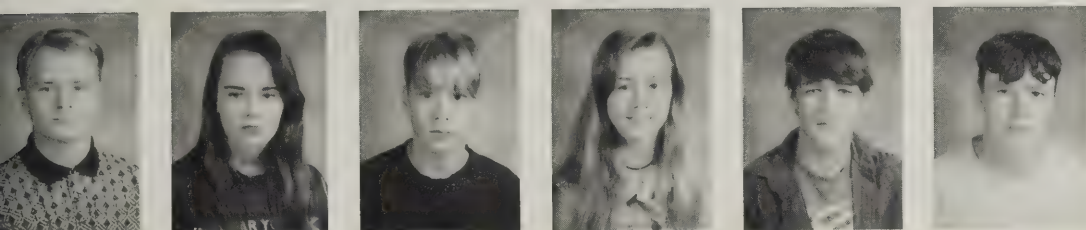
Lindsey asks Mrs. Carr for a key chain at the Renaissance card distribution.



Jeremiah seems skeptical about his lab partner's expertise.



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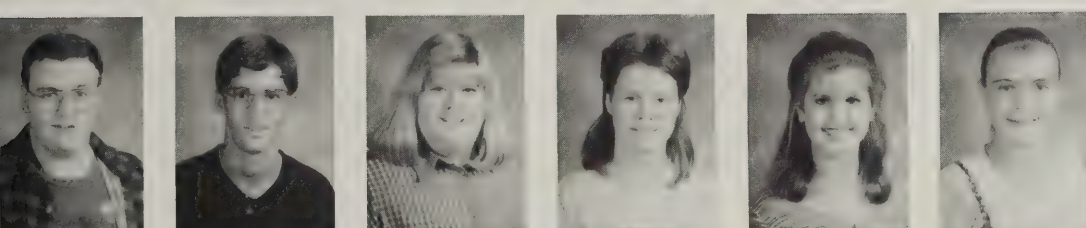
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Johnny Conner
Marcie Davis
Sherita Davis
Peter Dereus
Benjamin Dudley
Norris Dudley



Jason Duff
Keith Ferguson
Bridgette Fitzgerald
Jaki Fitzgerald
Heather Galletta
Amanda Garrett



Melissa Garrett
Robert Garrett
Jeremiah Gray
Natasha Gray
Timothy Groah
Matthew Grow



Robert Hall
Robin Hall
Jonathan Hamilton
Sarah Hamlett
Ashley Hartless
Nicole Hartless

Kristy Hartless
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 Jason Humphreys
 Andrea Hunt
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John Laprade
 Lisa Lawhorn
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 Joshua Miller
 Brandy Milliner
 Eva Montgomery
 Kasey Montgomery
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Amy Porterfield
 Ronald Ramsey
 Justin Ratcliffe
 Adam Rhodes
 Erika Robinette
 Danny Robinson



Dawn Robinson
 Jessica Rudy
 Jason Shafer
 Zachary Shafer
 Troy Shaw
 Jason Slagel



Dawn Tetzloff
 Jason Thompson
 Stephanie Tolley
 Brandy Vaughan
 Melissa Wann
 Joshua Wheeler



Ronald Whitten
Travis Williams
Tamara
Woodward
Scotty Wright



"He's the only person I know who can sleep with his eyes open!"



The colors of spirit week on a human canvas



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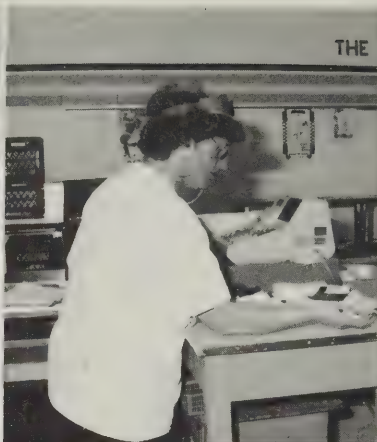


A long awaited break from the rigors of class-work.



My dogs are prettier than your dogs!

Mrs. Barger and
Mrs. Wood
Mrs. Albertoli
Mrs. Slough and
Mrs. Cash



Mary Carter
Lunch Ladies
pose at the
"Picnic Lunch"



Cafeteria Workers Take This Job & Love It!



Q

Who tries to make cafeteria food and the lunch palatable?

A

Our cafeteria staff.

Fun and Games

Any opportunity to dress for the occasion saw the cafeteria workers in festive attire.

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GOOD TIMES
THAT LAST
FOREVER • THE
BIG GAME •
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STUDYING
FOR FINALS •
A FAVORITE
TEACHER • OLD
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CLOSING THE
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SPORTS

This Year's Varsity Squad Stirred Up Some Spirit!

Nathan Floyd and Elgin Davis hand out roses to the Varsity cheerleaders at the Rock-bridge county Pep Rally! Thanks boys!



This year's squad of seniors were L-R Amy Benavitch, Catherine DeReus, Bridgett Barger, Melanie Wexel (Captain), Teresa Wise and Leslie Coffey.

Diana Harris and Mary Beth Holland position themselves before the dance "Everybody Get Wild" at Virginia Military Institute's Midnight Madness. Go Girls!



Captain Melanie Wexel and Bridgett Barger exhibit their new jumps and ways of celebrating after performing "The Hippie Hippie Shake" in their socks at yet another pep rally!





The Varsity Cheerleaders sit in their semicircle along with Yosemite Sam (Michael Miller) as they chant "Pep Steam ... Seniors SCREAM!" at one of the Pep Rallies.

The 1995-96 Varsity Cheerleaders are: L-R Catherine DeReus, Diana Harris, Mary Beth Holland, Bridgett Barger, Melanie Wexel, Teresa Wise, Amy Benavitch, and Leslie Coffey.



Melanie Wexel was this year's cheerleading captain. We had a very successful year. After practicing all summer with our only new addition Diana Harris, our first football game against Radford was a success (on the sidelines). Homecoming once again was a success even though there were many schedule changes. We organized pep rally after pep rally, created dances, skits (We Are The Cheerleaders), and the most popular competition for the pep stick, which we won at the Rockbridge County Pep Rally. (the best one ever!)

We were able to send off the Girls' and Boys' Basketball and Volleyball teams to competition in regions. Since we consisted of six seniors there was a definite feeling of unity. Mrs. Cline, our sponsor, also made it a great year for us. Our Christmas breakfast at Shoney's, all of the away trips, and all of her hard work and dedication made the 1995-96 cheerleading season fun filled. Thanks!

Amy Benavitch



Six Varsity girls participated in the first ever cheerleading competition at Glen Maury Park. They performed two dances and two crowd cheers. Everybody Get WILD!!

The squad gathers together for a picture at the home boy's basketball game. Go Blue!

Varsity Cheerleading

Spirit

Victory!

Sparkle!

Cheer!

Smile!

Tasha Lilly smiles after receiving her rose for Freshman Homecoming Representative.

The J.V. girls gather round Lori Entsminger showing all of their appreciation.



The 1995-96 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are L-R Chasity Douglas, Lisa Lowe, Casey Montgomery, Tasha Lilly, Amanda Madison, Missy Garrett and Pearly McDonald.





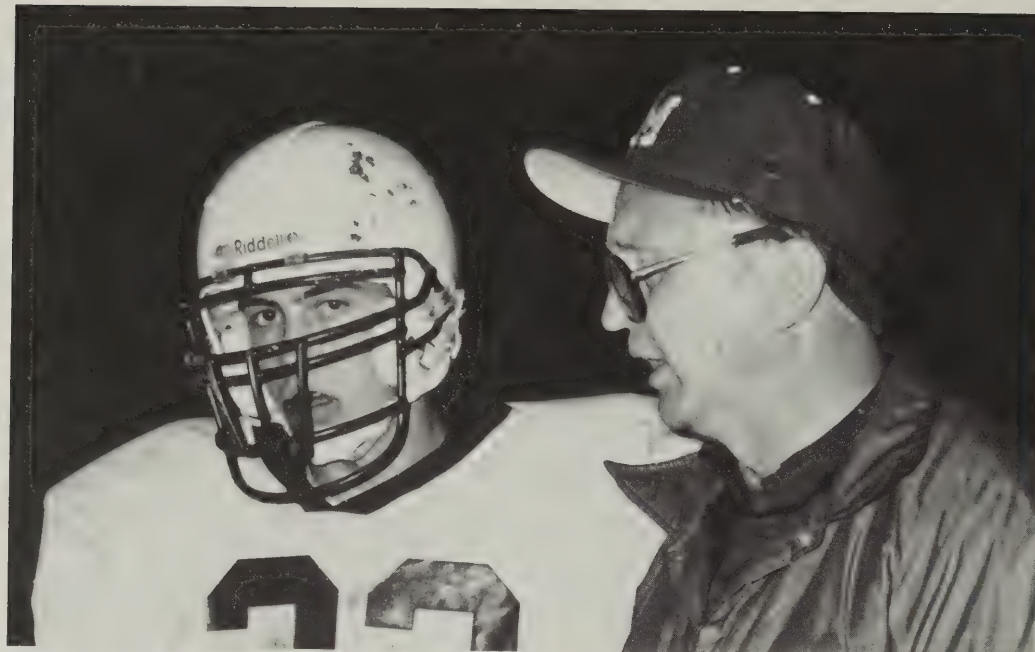
Coach Patterson watches his players closely during practice.

J.V. Football players practice everyday in the hot summer heat.



Varsity Football Players Waylon Miller helps out with J.V. football practice one day.

By having the assistance of a varsity player at practice the j.v. team is able to learn some new moves.



Mikie Clark receives the "game plan" from Coach Wheeler.

Donald Schley gets the pass off just in time.

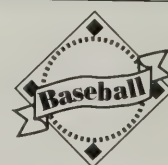


D.J. Douglas shows his speed against Rockbridge's defense.



First Row (L-R) Brandon Pemberton, Ed Johnson, Matthew Vass, Waylon Miller, Nathan Floyd, Elgin Davis, Keith Martin, D.J. Douglas. Second Row (L-R) Ethan Knick, Sheldon Douglas, Shawn Sorrells, Robert Snider, Donald Schley, Eric Mason, Mikie Clark, Matt Wheeler, B.J. Rogers, Chase Clark, Dean Ingram. Third Row (L-R) Coach Mike Turner, Head Coach Charlie Wheeler, Coach Rad Patterson, Jason Coleman, Jason Bane, Matt Henson, Jeremy Garrett, Jason Snider, Timothy Jennings, Shawn Smals, Burt Mazingo, Coach Vince Beasley, Coach J.R. Lineberry. Fourth Row (L-R) Joey Coleman, Daniel Clark, Josh Hartless, Eric Catlett, Robert Huffman, Brian Langhome, John Snider, Jeremiah Brockenbrough, Benji Lynn, Brett Lambert.

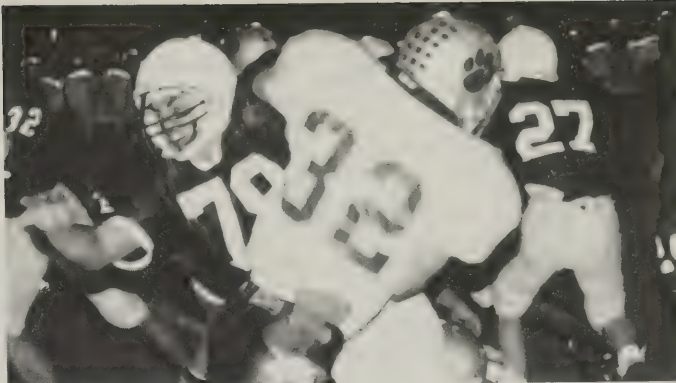
PMHS	Opponent
7	12 Radford
10	9 Alleghany
7	6 Riverheads
6	7 Stuarts Draft
34	6 Craig County
13	18 James River
20	14 Glenvar
7	28 Covington
34	8 Bath County
0	7 Rockbridge



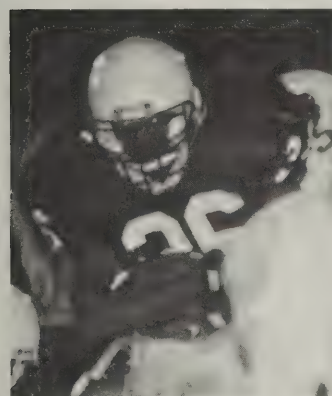
The team showed a lot of heart and character. They fought all season long and played with intensity and desire. These young men improved from the start of the season until the end.
Coach Charlie Wheeler

Robert Snider scampers around the left side for a gain of 11 yards against Rockbridge County.

While injured and on the bench, Jeremy Garrett gives advice and encouragement to teammate, Brandon Pamerton.



Number 26, Shelbon Douglas breaks through Rockbridge County's defense to score the only touchdown of the game.



D.J. Douglas and Daniel Clark celebrate a victory.

Elgin Davis adds the extra point after a touchdown.



Nathan Floyd skirts the sidelines to gain yardage.



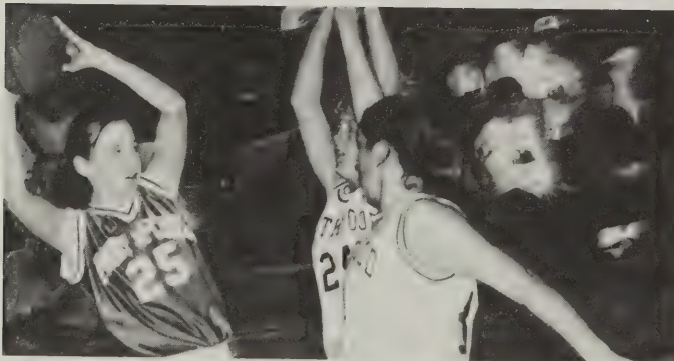
A Season Well Fought

"It was a great championship season."
Coach Fred Horeis



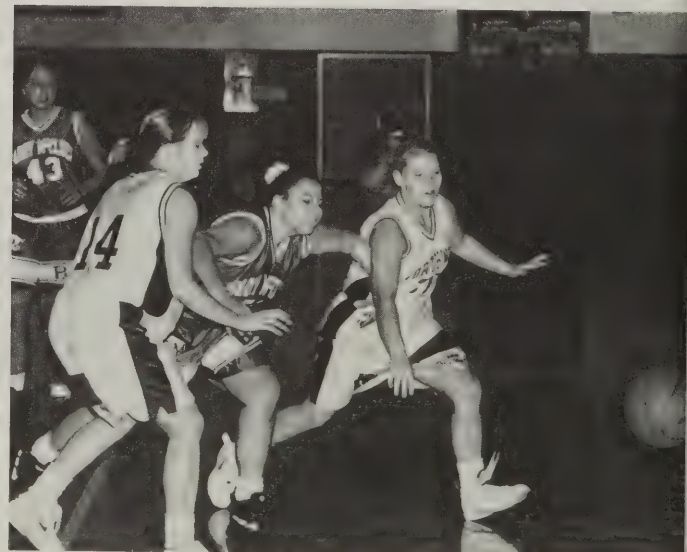
Nikki Barger tries to move the opponents leg to get to the ball.

Lindsey Coleman gives her Highland County opponent a little taste of her elbow.



Chy Clark is trying to get the ball to a team mate.

"Now Clarissa, isn't that a foul?" Clarissa Johnson gives a little nudge while chasing the ball.



THE S B C O O O R K E

Date	Opponent	Us	Them
9/6	at Alleghany Co.	60	71
9/7	Riverheads	56	48
9/12	at Rockbridge Co.	48	30
9/14	at Riverheads	40	46
9/18	Rockbridge Co.	55	41
9/19	at Bath Co.	39	37
9/21	Glenvar	40	54
9/25	Alleghany Co.	47	64
9/26	James River	51	47
9/28	at Highland Co.	73	27
10/3	Covington	53	43
10/10	at Craig Co.	68	27
10/12	Bath Co.	54	43
10/17	at Glenvar	37	46
10/19	at James River	35	38
10/24	Highland Co.	89	33
10/26	at Covington	52	44
11/2	Craig Co.	64	19
Pioneer District Tournament			
11/7	Highland Co.	64	31
11/9	Covington	51	45
11/11	Glenvar	54	32
Region "C" Tournament			
11/15	Northwood	41	70

Awards and Honors

1995 Pioneer District Champions

Chrystal Humphries — 1st Team All-Pioneer District
1st Team All-Tournament
Won 3rd letter
Honorable Mention Region "C"

Lindsey Coleman — 1st Team All-Pioneer District
1st Team All-Tournament
Won second letter
All Region "C"

"It was a great championship season!"

Coach Horlis

Nikki Barger tries to concentrate on her shot and not her obnoxious opponent.



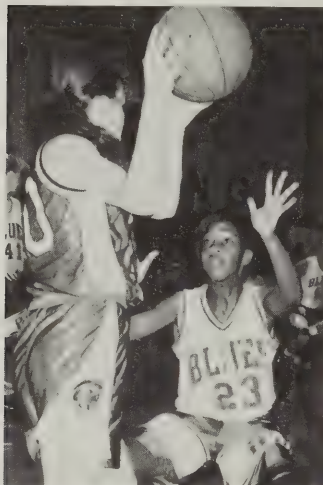
Lindsey Coleman demonstrates how simple a lay-up can be.

Senior Chrystal Humphries and Junior Avis Williams receive hugs from teammates after their 54-32 victory over Glenvar in the District Tournament.



Senior Chrystal Humphries proving just how high she can get.

Avis Williams is shown "holding up" her James River opponent.



"I don't know Chrystal, but that face doesn't seem to be intimidating your opponent."



JV Boys' Basketball

Overall Record (13-6)

PMHS	52	Wilson Memorial	39
PMHS	36	Riverheads	31
PMHS	33	Rockbridge	30
PMHS	30	Stuarts Draft	46
PMHS	47	Riverheads	39
PMHS	50	Rockbridge	43
PMHS	43	Glenvar	42
PMHS	49	James River	58
PMHS	47	Highland	35
PMHS	41	Bath County	61
PMHS	40	Glenvar	45
PMHS	43	Stuarts Draft	58
PMHS	29	James River	43
PMHS	52	Covington	24
PMHS	47	Bath County	42
PMHS	47	Covington	26
PMHS	74	Craig County	19
PMHS	62	Craig County	31
PMHS	60	Highland	44

Junior Varsity Team Members: John Williams, Damian Beverly, Zack Bice, Eric Catlett, Dusty Maxwell, Chad Coffey, Jason Bartlett, Matt Groah, Jonathan Lowder, Paul Pelter, Desmond Jones, and Randy Ogden

"This year's team excelled in various ways, they defined the word 'team'. We placed third in the single A District Tourney and were one win short of state championship play.

— Coach Rad Patterson

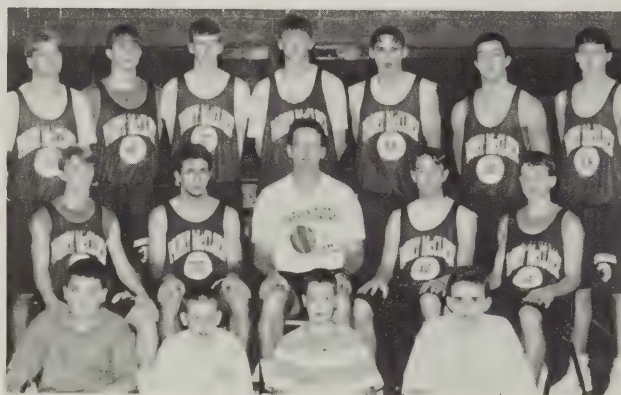
A Great Season



The Blues enjoyed a very successful season by winning 14 games. The team played hard and found numerous ways of winning many of the close games in the last minute.

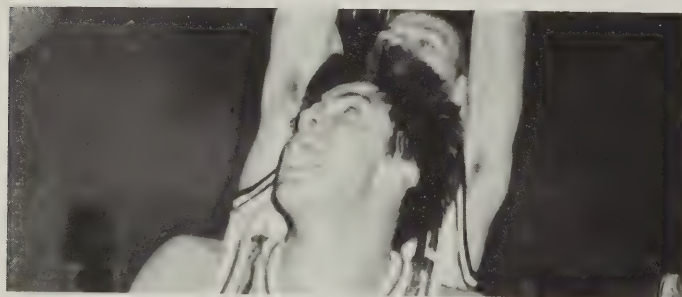
Coach Nelson Fox

PMHS	Scoreboard Opponent
49	30 Lord Botetourt
60	73 Madison
61	56 Wilson
60	51 Riverheads
59	49 RCHS
53	50 Stuarts Draft
50	33 Riverheads
70	63 RCHS
30	51 Glenvar
64	50 James River
54	52 Highland
68	60 Bath County
48	66 Glenvar
59	57 Stuarts Draft
54	41 James River
42	51 Covington
44	48 Bath County
51	53 Covington
86	24 Craig County
57	61 Highland
82	49 Craig County
72	46 Highland
46	53 Glenvar



Front Row (L-R) Chase Miller, Nelson Fox, Tom Fox, Justin Ratcliffe. Second Row (L-R) Robert Snider, Robbie Hayes, Coach Nelson Fox, Chase Clark, Chip Coleman. Third Row (L-R) Nathan Floyd, Shawn Sorrells, David Coleman, Garth Humphries, Michael Decker, Mike Clark, David Downs. (not pictured) Charles "Boo" Rowsey

Boo Rowsey drives baseline against his James River defender.



Nathan Floyd struggles to get a grip on the ball.

Mike Clark looks to the basket with a face of determination.



Taking It To The Hoops

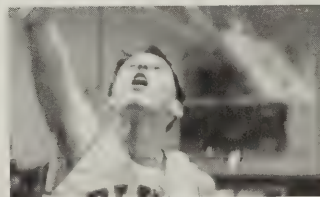
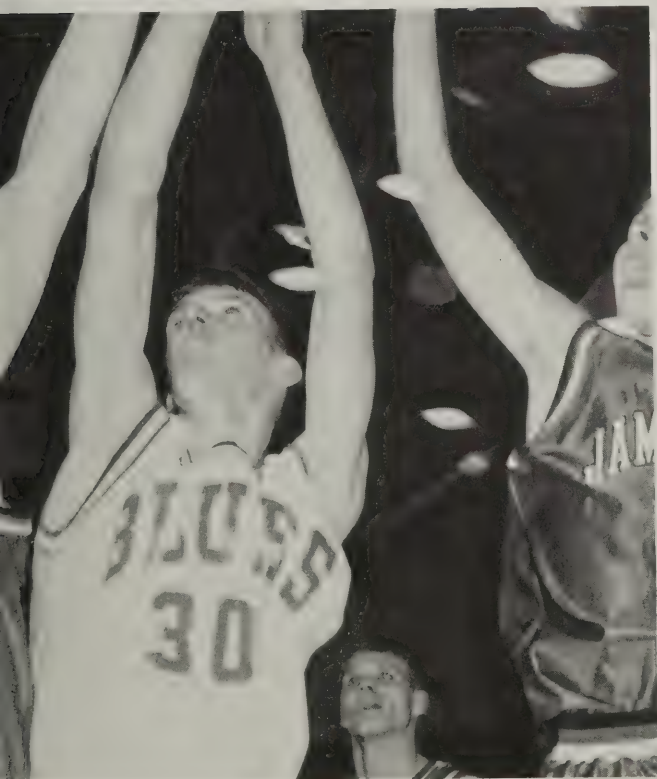


David Downs tries to get the pass off to an open teammate.

Chip Coleman struggles with an opponent for possession of the ball.



Robert Snider passes around Glenvar's defender.



Michael Decker shoots a layup to add to the score.

Garth Humphries shoots the less than perfect form shot.

David Coleman makes the shot even with two James River defenders on him.



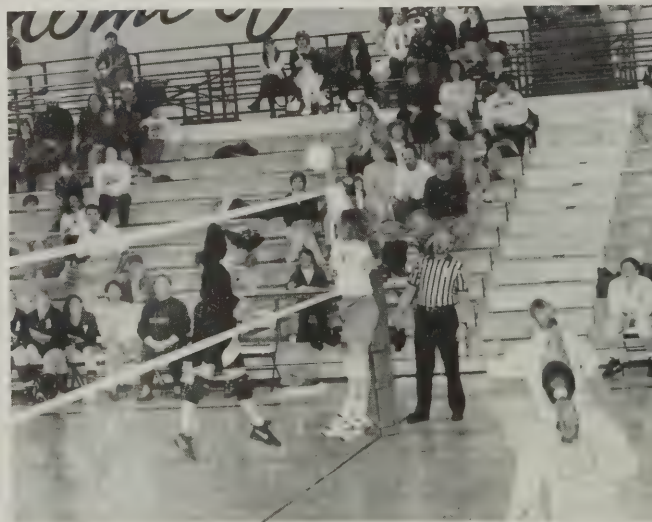
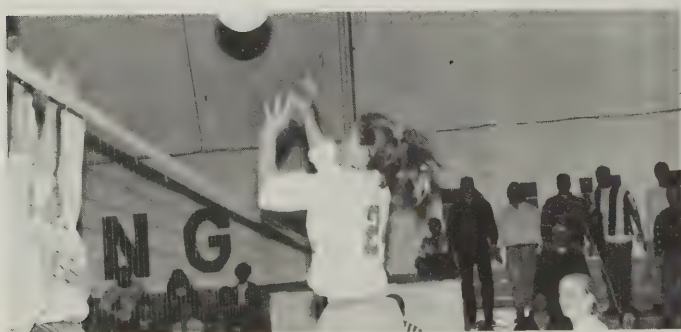
Lesley Clark delivers the game winning dink against Glenvar, in a 3-way tie for first.

Monica Stinnett is determined to deliver a dink against Bath Co in the District Tournament at Glenvar.

Misty Floyd sacrifices her body to return a spike.

Lindsey Coleman is making another successful kill against the Chargers in the District tournament.

Clarissa Johnson waits eagerly to kill one of Catherine DeReus' "perfect sets."



Erin Dickinson is successful in one of her blocks against George Wythe in the first Region C tournament.



Team

Riverheads	W
Covington	W-W
James River	W-W
Bath Co.	L-W
Glenvar	L-W
Highland	W-W
Rockbridge	W-L
Craig Co.	W-W

District Tournament

Bath Co.	W
Glenvar	L

Region C Tournament

George Wythe	L
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The 1995-96 Volleyball team was a lot of fun to work with. They were, in every sense of the word, a team. We finished the regular season with a 10-2 district record. In the District Tournament we lost to Glenvar in the finals. In our first Region C tournament appearance in a number of years, we lost to unbeaten George Wythe in a hard fought three game match. For the coming season BUMP, SET, CRUSH... GO BLUES.

— Coach Ross Bleech



Erin Dickinson and Lindsey Coleman say "OK Melanie, we will let you have it."



Row 1 (L-R) Misty Floyd, Erin Dickinson, Monica Stinnett, Melanie Wexel, Catherine DeReus, Nikki Barger. Row 2 (L-R) Coach Ross Bleech, Courtney Dickinson, Robyn Lawhorne, Clarissa Johnson, Lindsey Coleman, Lesley Clark, Robin Floyd, Karen Clemmer.

Monica Stinnett waits for Nikki Barger to set her up.



"Come on Melanie, you can do it" as Monica Stinnett anticipates her next move.

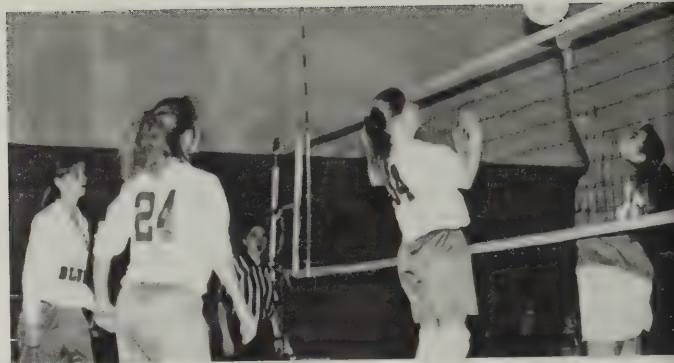
Erin Dickinson crushes the ball for yet another Parry McCluer point.

"The definition of a true team was perfectly defined by the 1995-96 volleyball team. Our team chemistry was amazing. The mixture of talent, friendship, and strong leadership was what made the year a success."

— Melanie Wexel

Protecting the floor, Nikki Barger goes up to block a dink.

Melanie Wexel watches as Lindsey Coleman concentrates on bumping the ball to the setter.

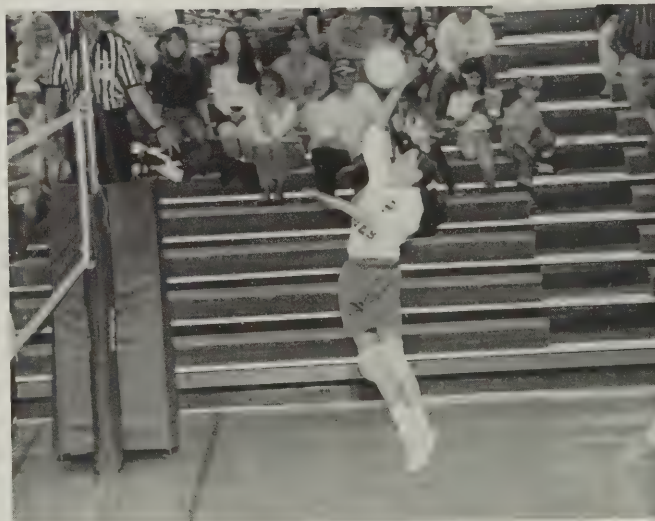


"We had a great team this year. All of the team's work and leadership took us far in our season."

— Robyn Lawhorne

"This was the best year of volleyball. We were a team on and off the court. I will miss volleyball and the other players next year."

— Catherine DeReus





Chrystal Humphries shows off her perfect pitching form while in the background Erica Cochran is in the ready position.



Row 1 (L-R) Clarissa Johnson, Leanna Fitzgerald, Bridgett Barger, Misty Floyd, Jennifer Bayley, Avis Williams, Erin Dickinson. Row 2 (L-R) Devon Fitzgerald, Nikki Barger, Leslie Clark, Chy Clark, Lindsey Coleman, Kelly Mason, Erica Cochran.

PMHS Opponent

16	18 RCHS
7	12 Glenvar
8	9 Bath County
7	6 Riverheads
19	3 Covington
13	3 Craig County
9	6 Alleghany
2	17 Alleghany
13	14 E.C. Glass
4	1 E.C. Glass
10	17 Bath County
0	15 Glenvar
14	7 RCHS
1	5 Riverheads
19	4 Covington
10	9 James River
16	2 Craig County
12	7 James River
District Tournament	
35	2 Craig County
Semi-Finals	
4	3 Bath County

Way to go Slugger! Clarissa Johnson makes another power play against the Bath County Chargers.

Bridgett Barger sacrifices her body in the true spirit of softball.



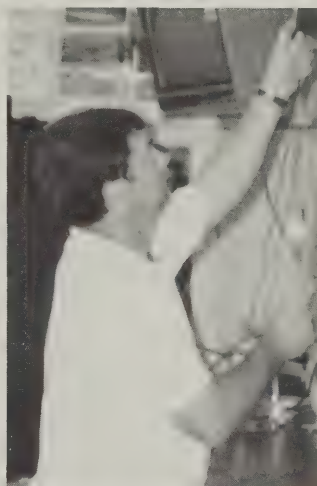
Misty Floyd is successful in putting the tag on a Craig County Rockets.



Lindsey Coleman gets the throw down at first.



It's all part of the game. Can't avoid hurtin' feelin'.



Avis Williams shows Bath county that with a bunt down the line she can beat them to first.

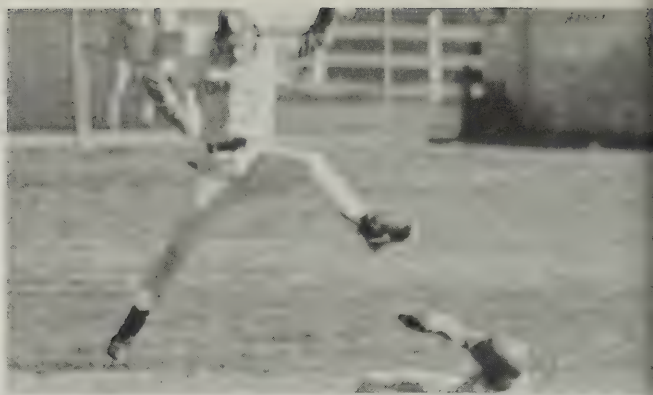
We started the season with high expectations. A 0-3 start brought some doubts, but we climbed back to 8-8, and finished strong with a five game winning streak to put us at 11-9 for the season. With three seniors graduating, we look forward to a strong year in 1997.

— Coach Earl Downs

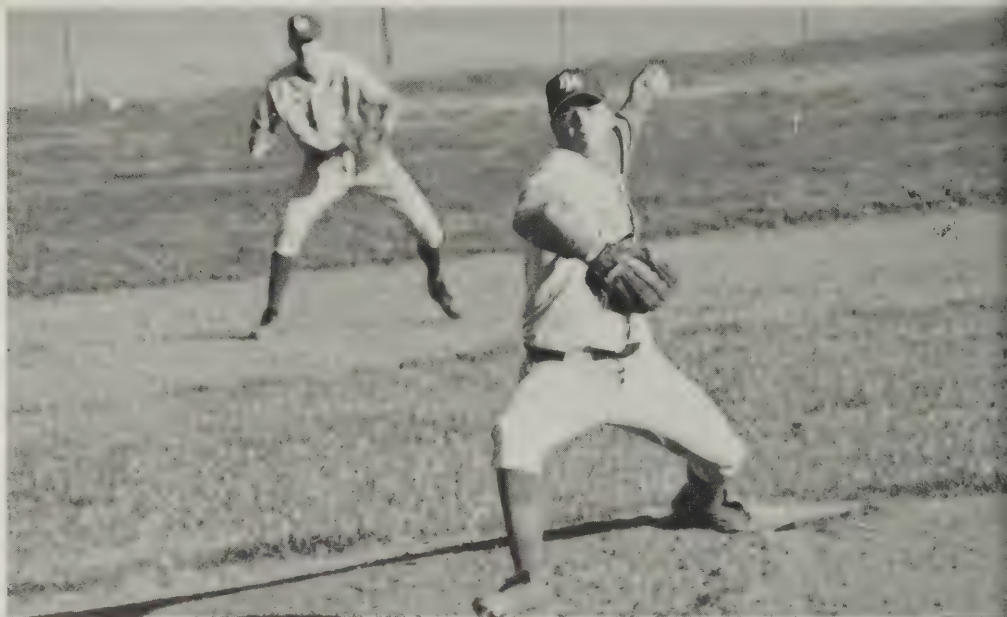


Erica Cochran tries to put the tag on her James River opponent.

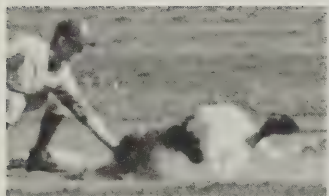
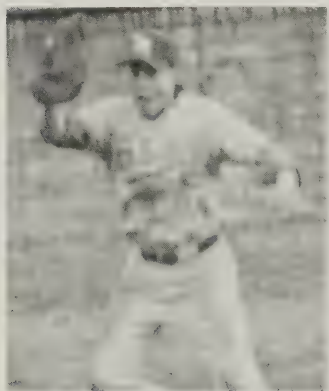
Catcher Jason Coleman maneuvers a slide under Craig County's second baseman.



Senior pitcher Nathan Floyd is shown throwing one of his fast balls.

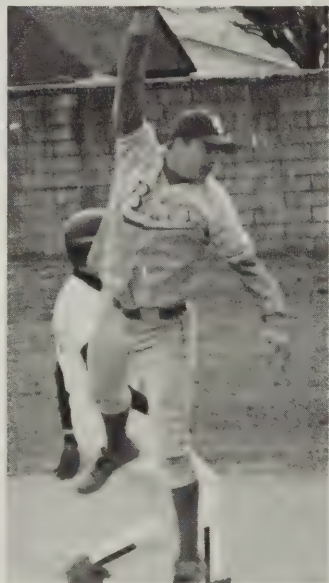


First baseman Jeremiah Brockenbrough seems a little excited about the present play.



Shortstop David E. Coleman gets a piece of his opponent's head.

Nathan Floyd having a little trouble with an overthrown ball.



Now this is how you hustle, demonstrated by David E. Coleman.



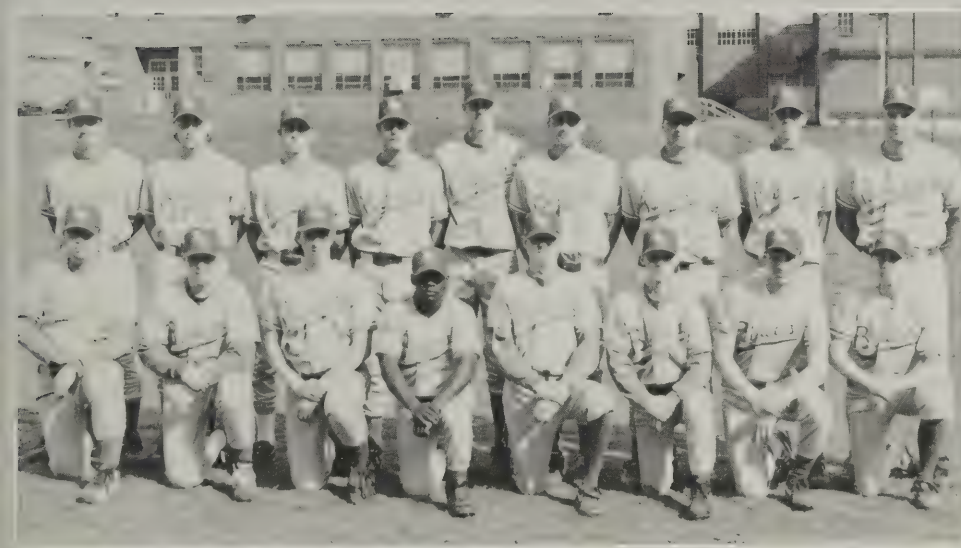


Jeremiah Brockenbrough seems to be giving his opponent a scare back to first.

Getting it right

The Parry McCluer High School Baseball Team finished in fourth place and hosted first round of the tournament for the first time in several years. The team is improving each year and anticipates continued success.

— Mark Mace, Coach



1996 team members (l-r) Ed Johnson, Jason Coleman, Danny Robinson, Quan McCutcheon, Chase Clark, Robert Snider, Jason Thompson, Chip Coleman. Second row (l-r) Coach Mark Melton, Jeremiah Brockenbrough, Keith Martin, Wes Shafer, David E. Coleman, Nathan Floyd, Elgin Davis, David Downs and Coach Mark Mace.

Baseball

Parry McCluer Baseball Scores

PMHS	0	Rockbridge Cty.	10
PMHS	0	Alleghany	12
PMHS	0	Alleghany	10
PMHS	1	Glenvar	10
PMHS	1	Highland	0
PMHS	7	Riverheads	14
PMHS	11	Covington	10
PMHS	2	Craig County	1
PMHS	0	Bath County	2
PMHS	2	Bath County	9
PMHS	4	Glenvar	16
PMHS	1	Riveheads	2
PMHS	3	Covington	5
PMHS	5	James River	8
PMHS	3	Craig County	1
PMHS	5	James River	12
PMHS	12	Highland	2

5-12 Overall

5-7 District

District Craig County 11

Tournament Parry McCluer 2

Jason Coleman proves that he can beat the ball to first.

Jeremiah Brockenbrough makes the putout at first.



It's a matter of persistence.

Teamwork

Days of long who never
practices, bus gave up on us
trips which — that was the
took us to season of
loses and 1996.
wins, Coaches



Danny Robinson desperately tries to protect home plate.

"Striving for victory" as shown
by Damion Beverly

Row 1 (L-R) Christopher Fowler,
John Cash
Row 2 (L-R) Damion Beverly,
Coach Preston Evans, Dean
Ingram



It's a matter of

DETERMINATION



Coach Evans makes sure that Songmi Cash keeps up with Chris
Fowler's time.

Rainy Beginning

Senior Melanie Wexel ended her Stellar career.

The season had a very rainy beginning. Practice was restricted to the gym for two weeks and absence and illness called the

two non-seeded players onto the courts for substitute play in several matches.

— Coach Lois Yancey



Melanie Wexel stretches for the ball.

Districts

Melanie defeated two Bath County opponents (6-4, 6-3) and (6-0, 6-3). She proceeded to

Melanie Wexel hustles to keep the ball in play.

Regional playoff at VMI where she was defeated by K. Sarver of Bland County (0-6, 1-6).



Players and Positions

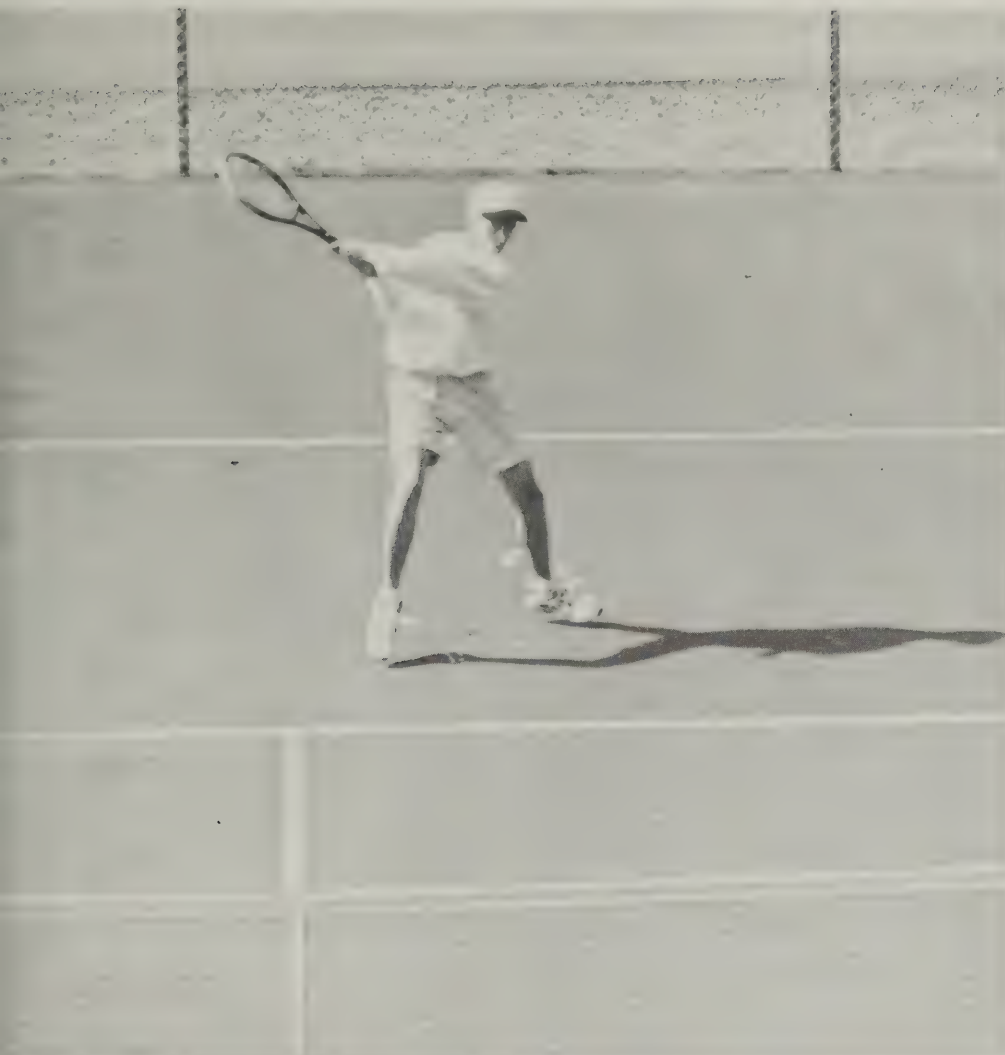
Seed	Name	Class
1	Melanie Wexel	Senior
2	Ashley Eason	Senior
3	Catharine DeReus	Senior
4	Ruthie Wheeler	Senior
5	Michelle Keiser	Sophomore
6	Emily Lowdermilk	Sophomore
Exhib.	Sara Truslow	Sophomore
Exhib.	Elizabeth Buckland	Senior

PMHS	Scorebox
Opponent	
1	8 Wilson
2	7 Stuarts Draft
3	6 Buffalo Gap
0	9 Riverheads
1	8 Bath County
2	7 RCHS
2	7 Bath County
3	6 Riverheads
3	6 RCHS



Row 1 (L-R) Catherine DeReus, Melanie Wexel, Ashley Eason, Elizabeth Buckland. Row 2 (L-R) Emily Lowdermilk, Sara Truslow, Michelle Keiser, Ruthie Wheeler.

Boys Tennis



Jeremy Deyo volleys the ball with his opponent.

Jeremy Deyo displays a perfect overhand stroke.



Front Row (L-R) Timmy Marlett, Justin Ratcliff, Dusty Maxwell, Zachary Bice, Robbie Beard, Bret Lambert, Peter DeReus, Keith Ferguson. Back Row (L-R) Anthony Asagi, Robin Williams, Patrick Word, Jeremy Deyo, Paul Pelter, Jonathan Lowder, Randy Ogden, Andy Bane.

Zack Bice hustles to keep the ball in play.

Michael Decker, the 1996 State Champion of the 400 meter dash, is shown in action.

Decker's response after one of his many victories.



'96 STATE CHAMP

Junior Michael Decker broke a fifteen year streak when he went to the 1996 State Track and Field meet to compete in the 400 meter dash. Having competed in other events such as the 200 meter dash and

the long jump, the 400 meter dash seemed to be the most successful for Decker. Success in this event was what brought Michael Decker the title of 1996 State Champion in the 400 meter dash.



Michael Decker showing just how far he can jump in the long jump event.



Michael Decker at the starting mark, before leading PMHS to the State Championships.

An Improved Group



1st row (l-r) — Songmi Cash, Chasity Douglas, Courtney Dickinson, Kim Beverly, Lisa Lowe, Christy Fix. 2nd row (l-r) Lindsey Brashears, Shannon Beverly, Mary Beth Holland, Kelly Roberts, Diana Harris, Robyn Lawhome, Robin Hall, Margaret Lineberry, Whitney Bice. 3rd row (l-r) — Amy Porterfield, Chris Fields, Tiffany Hubbard, Jason Bartlett, Travis Williams, Josh Hartless, Michael Decker, Kelly Decker. 4th row (l-r) — Bradley Moore, Dale Porterfield, Damion Beverly, Paul Johnson, John Humphries, Peter Roberts, Phillip Wohlrab. 5th row (l-r) — Josh Wheeler, Paul White, Jason Bane, Joey Fitzgerald.

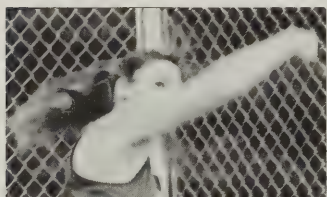
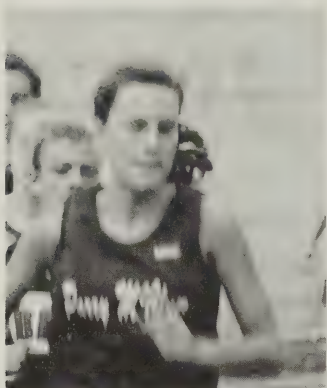
Sophomore Courtney Dickinson throws the discus at the Group A State Meet.



Sophomores Diana Harris and Lindsey Brashears are seen passing the baton during the 1500 meter relay.



Junior Kelly Roberts in action during one of her many events.



Courtney Dickinson giving it her all.

Shannon Beverly caught in stride, toward victory.



Kelly Roberts seen in competition, running the mile.





The Man Garrett uses his powerful arm to carry him to victory.

A champion making his way ahead of the competition, Damion shows his winning form.



Track
Field

Field
Track



And now what do I do?

Track
Field

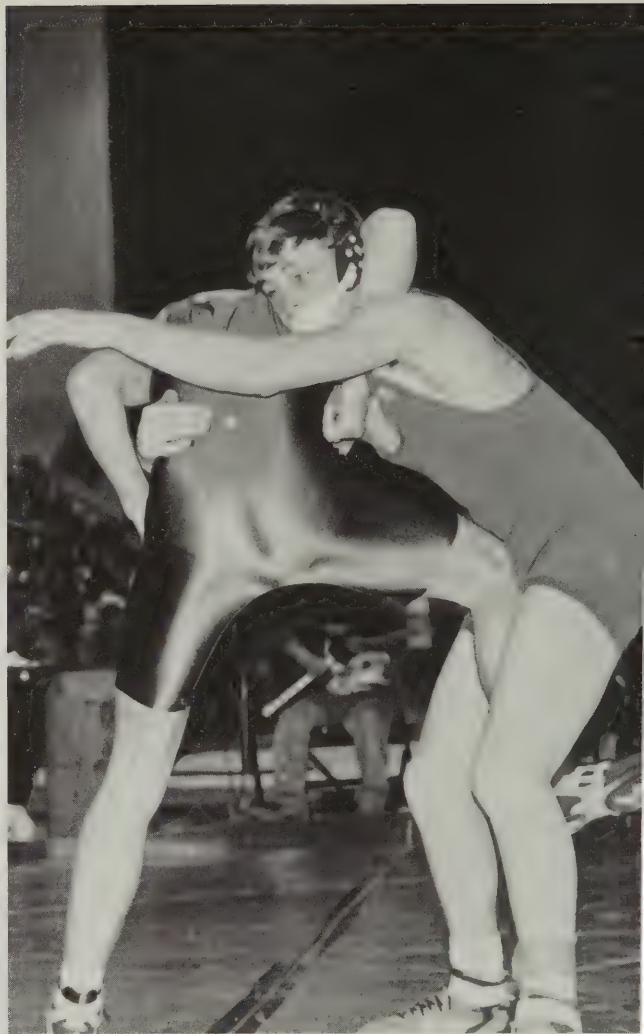
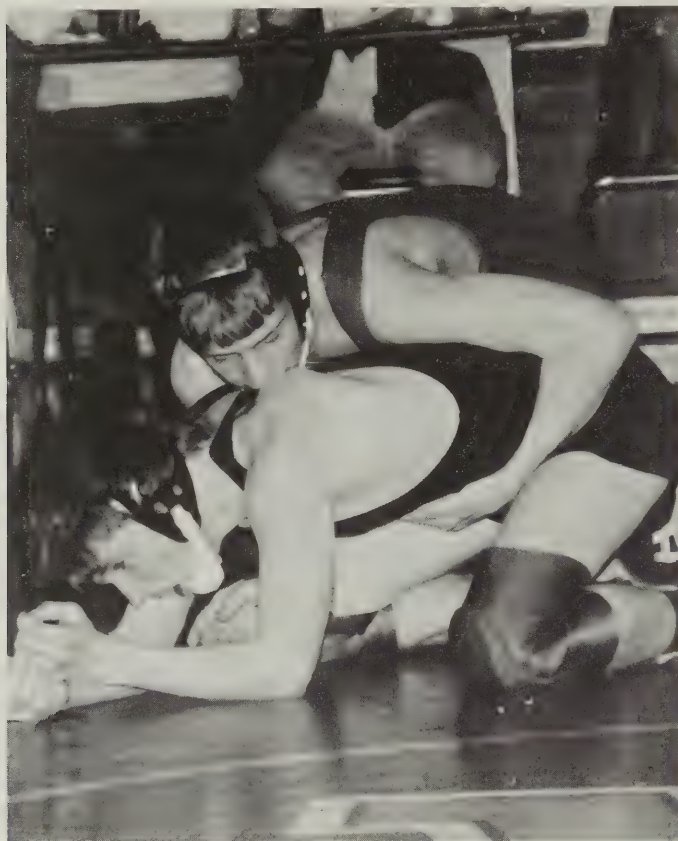
Field
Track



He hurled! Keith Martin is cheered on by his teammates.

Joey Coleman seems a little "hungry" in his starting position.

"Gosh Jeremiah, that position has to hurt!" This shot was taken during the State Championship held at the Salem Civic Center.



Wrestling

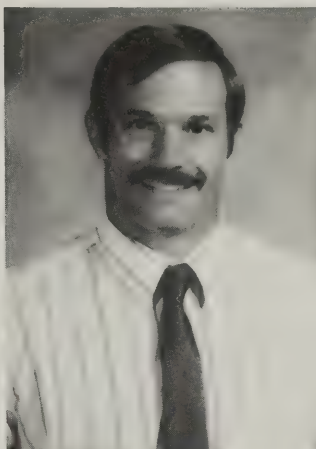
Young PMHS Grapplers Show Improvement . . .



Matt Henson is making that his opponent does not move an inch.



Jeremiah Brockenbrough seems to be holding his opponent very well.



The young Parry McCluer Wrestling Team worked hard and showed improvement during each match. The team had only one senior, Jerry Miller who finished seventh in the state at 130. So the best is yet to come.

Coach Ron Loy

Jeremiah showing his flexibility.



Wrestling 1995-96

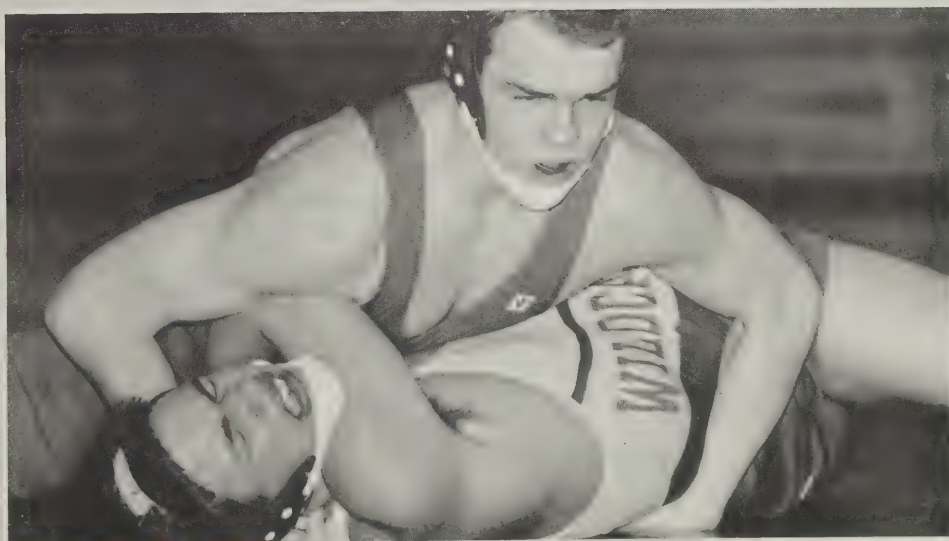
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PMHS 27 Covington	51
PMHS 36 Bath County	48
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PMHS 42 James River	42
PMHS 21 Matthews	54
PMHS 30 Riverheads	48
PMHS 33 Stuarts Draft	42
PMHS 27 Bath County	48

Season Record 1-9-1

Fifth in the District

Eighth in the Region

Twenty-eight in the State



Matt Henson effortlessly tortures his Wildcat opponent.

Junior David E. Coleman concentrates on placing the ball on the green.

Getting it right

P Golf Team was a young, but very competitive team. The years ahead look very promising for many of the players.

Coach Nelson Fox

Golf

PMHS	Opponent
381	352 Bath County
365	360 James River
365	360 Highland
203	175 Bath
185	164 Glenvar
183	158 Highland
179	153 Glenvar
179	202 Alleghany
185	171 James River
162	148 Wilson
173	190 Covington
170	142 Rockbridge
170	167 Wilson
171	191 Covington
171	192 Riverheads
363	326 Glenvar
363	347 Highland
363	351 James River
363	361 Bath County
363	398 Covington

Row 1 (L-R) Zachery Bice, Tom Fox, Nelson Fox, Jr., Keith Ferguson, David Irvine. Row 2 (L-R) David Downs, Paul Johnson, Coach Nelson Fox, Charles Rowsey, David E. Coleman.

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GOOD TIMES
THAT LAST
FOREVER • THE
BIG GAME •
PROM NIGHT •
STUDYING
FOR FINALS •
A FAVORITE
TEACHER • OLD
FRIENDS • NEW
BEGINNINGS •
GRADUATION
CLOSING THE
CHAPTER OF
ANOTHER
YEAR

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6

ORGANIZATIONS

Associate Editors. Not every day was a trip to the Bridge for Amy Benavitch, Erin Dickinson, and Michael Pope. It was long hours, deadlines and great frustration. All in the name of yearbook.

Hippies for a day. Bridgett Barger and Nicole Duff pose for the photographer before setting out to sell ads. It was their most productive day!



Yearbook Staff



Parrimac

Bridgett Barger, Misty Floyd, Erin Dickinson, Natalie Nowlin, Molly Bane, Leigh Ann Staton, Mandy Fitzberald, Jennifer Barger, Emily Anderson, Kim Slagle.



Fringe Benefits

Selling yearbook ads proved to be fun and interesting. It gave Jennifer Barger, and Kim Slagle a chance to be kids again.

NHS

*National Honor Society
promotes community service.*

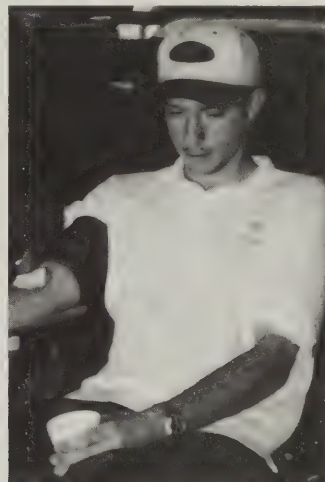
National Honor Society members Pearl McDonald, Teresa Wise, Catherine DeReus, Melanie Wexell, Ashley Eason, Robin Floyd, Misty Floyd, Rhonda Miller, Elizabeth Diggs, Michelle Keiser, Hillary McCormick, Amy Benavitch, Natalie Nowlin, Diana Harris, Avis Williams, Dr. Ron Gravatt, Sponsor. Chasity Douglas, Ruthie Wheeler, Nicole Staton,

Monica Stinnett, Elizabeth Drake, Nikki Lockett, Clarissa Johnson, Elizabeth Buckland, Kelly Tolley, Damion Beverly, Brennan Gilmore, Jeremy Deyo, Courtney Dickinson, Lindsey Humphries, David Downs, Ed Johnson, Tim Jennings, Paul Johnson, Robert Snider, David E. Coleman, Robbie Beard, Lindsey Coleman, Leslie Coffey, Michael Pope.

GLENVAR



Not once, but twice the NHS organized the Bloodmobile for PMHS and the community. The group spent several hours working individually on service projects which benefited many of Buena Vista's citizens.



Boo Rowsey looks a little squeamish at the sight of his own blood.

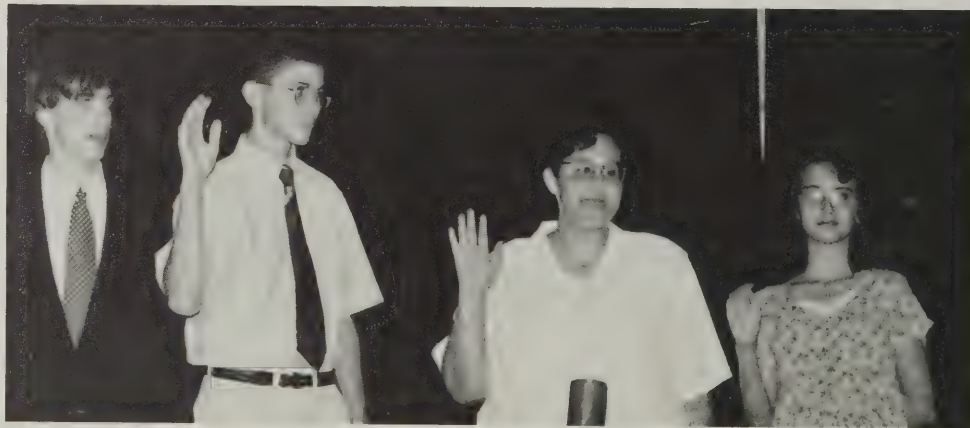
SCA
Group

Santa Claus

SCA poses before going to the elementary schools to entertain.



Spirit Woman and Yosemite B.J.
Only B.J. and Renee could wear these costumes and smile!



Installation of new SCA officers.

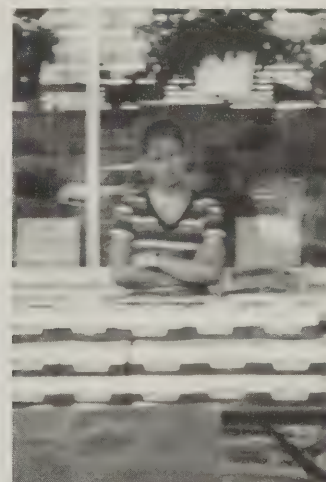
Brennan Gilmore is dressed in his presidential attire. He assumes his SCA duties in September.

Monogram Club

Athletes from football, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, softball, golf and track.

Nelson Fox values athletics and athletes. The Monogram Club worked during the year to earn money for awards and programs to benefit its members.

Not everyone rejoices at selling doughnuts on Saturdays, but the team concept prompted most members to participate.



Misty Floyd sold doughnuts to earn money for the Monogram Club.

Members of the Monogram Club pose with sponsor Nelson Fox.

Peer Helpers

Clarissa uses her verbal skills as a peer helper to inform her friends of latest activity.



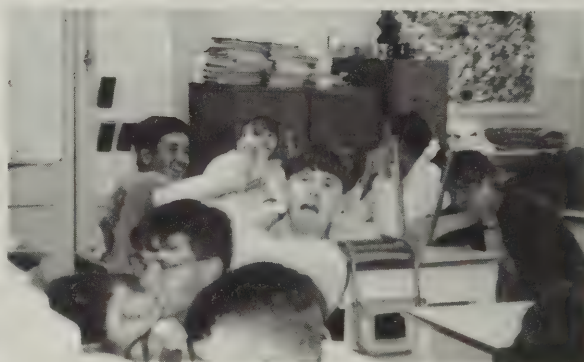
Working it out through

MEDIATION



Peer Helper Situation

Monica Stinnett voices her concerns while classmates rally around her.



A group in need of peer helpers.

A group of fun loving students make learning difficult.

FBLA

*Trip to Washington, D.C. is
highlight of Year.*

The FBLA spent the year conducting money raising projects to finance the club's trip to Washington.

Sponsor Donna Frazier and President Wendy Martin directed the club's activities.





After Prom Party

Devin Fitzgerald, Clarissa Johnson and Kelly Pryor attempt to entertain at the SADD After Prom Party.



SADD

Members include Stephanie Lewis, Hillary McCormick, Catherine DeReus, Gary Camden, Ashley Eason, Melanie Wexel, Amy Benavitch, Nikki Lockett, Michael Pope, Mike Clark, Elizabeth Diggs, Bridgett Barger, Misty Floyd, Clarissa Johnson, Ruthie Wheeler, Kelly Pryor, Kelly Roberts, Kelly Tolley, Renee Dudley, Robin Floyd, Robyn Lawhorne, Erin Dickinson, Leslie Coffey, Diana Harris, Melody Austin, Joey Fitzberald, Brandon Pemberton, Angie Rowsey.

GERMAN CLUB



row 1 (l-r) Mrs. Yancy, Amy Benevitch, Jennifer Bayly, Missy Garrett, Misty Floyd, Natalie Nowlin, Gary Camden, Ashley Eason, Melanie Wexel, Lisa Hartless, Elizabeth Drake, Diana Harris

row 2 (l-r) Jason Coleman, Tamara Woodward, Nikki Hartless, Peter DeReus, Michael Pope, Brett Lambert, Jeremy Deyo, Misty Wilhelm, Zachary Bice, Anthony Eshaghi, Courtney Dickinson

row 3 (l-r) Keith Ferguson, Cory Groah, Erica Robinette, Kelly Roberts, Emily Clark, Sarah Hamlett, Avis Williams, Chy Clark, Lindsey Coleman, Damion Beverly, Nicole Staton, Chip Coleman

row 4 (l-r) David E. Coleman, Timmy Marlatt, Dusty Maxwell, Justin Ratcliffe, Brennan Gilmore, Megan Coleman, Margaret Lineberry, Kelly Mason, Catherine DeReus, David Halterman

row 5 (l-r) Leslie Coffey, Clarissa Johnson, Jason Wade, Sarah Truslow, Lindsey Brashaers, Mikie Clark, Nikki Lockett, Robin Floyd, Monica Stinnett, Chase Clark, Jeff Zangari, Shawn Sorrells

SPANISH CLUB



row 1 (l-r) Amy Benavitch, Hillary McCormick, Cristy Cash, Renee Dudley
row 2 (l-r) Jeff Zangari, Ruthie Wheeler, Kelly Pryor, Jason Bane, Dr. Ron Gravitt



CLUB OFFICERS

row 1 (l-r) Renee Dudley, Amy Porterfield, Cristy Cash
row 2 (l-r) Brandon Pemberton, Dr. Ron Gravitt

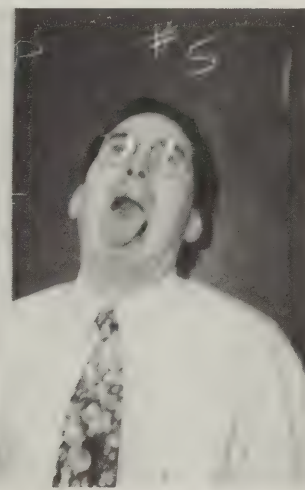
Science

Under the direction of Mr. Bond the Science Club had an interesting year.

The Science Club members were Elizabeth Drake, Sara Truslow, Michael Pope, Brandon Pemberton, Jeff Bond, Amy Benavitch, Bridgett Barger, Teresa Wise, Monica Stinnett, Ashley Eason, Melanie Wexel, Gary Camden, Stacy Nowlin.

Catherine DeReus, Leslie Cash, Courtney Dickinson, Diana Harris, Chip Coleman, Michael Decker, Jason Coleman.

Nikki Lockett, Leslie Coffey, Elgin Davis, Amy Tolley, Brennan Gilmore, David E. Coleman, and Mike Clark.



The Mad, Mad Mr. Bond.

The Science Club

TALENT SEARCH



row 1 (l-r) Timothy Groah, Tasha Lily, Michael Pope, Avis Williams, Gary Camden, Monica Campbell, Renee Dudley, Michelle Harwley, Tammy Shafer
 row 2 (l-r) Tamara Woodward, Marcie Davis, Lisa Hartless, Lisa Lowe, Amy Benavitch, Natalie Nowlin, Nicole Staton, Damion Beverly, Chip Coleman, Clarissa Johnson
 row 3 (l-r) Justin Ratcliff, Keith Ferguson, Diana Harris, Emily Clark, Jennifer Bayly, Amy Porterfield, Jason Bane, Stephanie Tolley, Kelly Tolley, Elizabeth Diggs
 row 4 (l-r) Kasey Montgomery, Leslie Coffey, Teresa Wise, Erica Robinette, Cristy Cash, Mikie Clark, Jason Coleman, Devon Fitzgerald, Dyron Knick
 row 5 (l-r) Andrea Hunt, Anthony Ashagi, Robbie Beard, Matt Vass, Michael Decker, Timothy Jennings

PEP CLUB



row 1 (l-r) Tasha Lilly, Jennifer Bayly, Pearlie McDonald, Erin Dickinson, Monica Stinnett, Misty Floyd, Ashley Eason, Amy Benavitch, Melanie Wexel

row 2 (l-r) Missy Garrett, Andrea Hunt, Cristy Cash, Kelly Roberts, Clarissa Johnson, Teresa Wise, Lindsey Brashears, Sarah Truslow

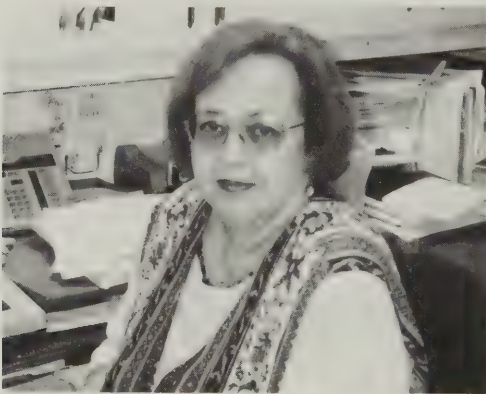
row 3 (l-r) Melissa Wann, Lisa Lowe, Michelle Keiser, Elizabeth Drake, Megan Coleman, Diana Harris, Lindsey Humphries, Bridgett Barger

row 4 (l-r) Kelly Pryor, Courtney Dickinson, Mikie Clark, Brennan Gilmore, David E. Coleman, Robin Floyd, Michael Pope, Leslie Coffey, Catherine DeReus

School Board Office

Dr. James Bradford, Superintendent of Schools

Judy Watts, Clerk of the Board



Linda Stinnett, Deputy Clerk

Teresa Ellison, Director of Instructor





School

Seen here at a School Board meeting are board members Randy Higginbottom, Judy Watts — Clerk of the Board, Timmy Beverly, and Gloria Martin.



Board

Arlene Garrett, Chairwoman Pam Cole, and Clyde Moore make up the rest of the seven member board. (Not pictured — Rev. Jesse Ruax)

Jason Wade, Danielle Coffey, and Benji Lynn sing together at the first performance of the 1995-96 Show Choir.

"Putting on the Ritz" in a performance entitled an "Enchanted Evening with Disney" are Elizabeth Drake and Lindsey Humphries.



THE SHOW

CHOIR

The 1995-96 school year marked the beginning of the Show Choir. The choir was instructed by Mrs. Dawn Pendleton, and had over 20 members. Show Choir held fundraisers to purchase all of their costumes and props.

Not only did the choir entertain the students of PMHS, they also held

performances for the elementary and middle schools, and the public. They performed at the "Welcome Back to School Night", the Miss PMHS Pageant, and at a Christmas assembly. We all enjoyed every performance, and look forward to hearing them in the upcoming years.



All of the dance steps, including the one seen here, were choreographed by Junior Robin Floyd. Robin has had extensive instruction in modern dance.

President Emily
Coleman, Vice
President John
Laprade, Sec-
retary Marcie
Davis, Treasurer
Tasha Lilly



FRESHMAN
Class
Officers

President Court-
ney Dickinson,
Vice President
Elizabeth Drake,
Secretary Sara
Truslow, Treas-
urer Nicole Staton



SOPHOMORE
Class Officers

President Robin
Floyd, Vice Pres-
ident Mikie Clark,
Secretary Claris-
sa Johnson



JUNIOR
Class
Officers

Renaissance

Holds

A

Back

To

School

Watermelon

Bash

For

Students!

Seniors sit in the middle atrium while the Senior cheerleaders try to teach them chants for the upcoming pep rally.



Mrs. Dickinson cuts watermelon and passes out Mello Yellow to the Sophomores at the bash.

The Junior class members waited patiently for their watermelon and drinks.



Renaissance 1996

This year's Renaissance program continued once again on an up beat. The watermelon bash was a great success bringing classmates back together to reacquaint after a long summer. Students were able to meet their

sponsors and they got a preview of the school year's upcoming events. Prizes were still distributed this year for students who received a gold, silver, bronze, or blue and white punch.



David Downs and Randy Ogden seem to be enjoying the festivities at the Back to School Bash.

The Junior class is ready to snack on the watermelon. What is taking so long?

Ashley Eason and Joey Martinez smile when they realize they will be traveling throughout Europe in a luxury Mercedes Benz Motorcoach.



Jeff Zangari looks on as David Halterman cringes at his first taste of Italian cola, a drink the consistency of syrup. The group was dining at the Smiley Cat Cafe.



Posing for a picture are Robin Floyd, Megan Coleman, Dusty Maxwell, Ashley Eason, Michael Pope, and Elizabeth Drake. These six students hiked up a German Alp to see the Neushweinstein Castle. It was well worth the hike and the long wait in line.



A wonderful shot of the Main Street in Old Rotenburg. Rotenburg is the most well preserved Medieval town in Germany.

Megan Coleman, Michael Pope, and Robin Floyd pose before feasting on fondue and wienerschnitzel.





The outskirts of Milan seen from the Autobahn.

Robin Floyd and Mikie Clark are bewildered as they learn they must fork out 22,000 Lira for a 45 minute gondala ride. After the ride, both were smiling having spent their money well.



Paul White and Michael Pope pose for a picture in Piazza San Marco with some of the French girls. The Basilica can be seen in the background.

The Eurotravelers are "hanging out at the fountain" in Heidelberg. This fountain was a bit larger than their normal hangout downtown on the corner of 21st and Magnolia.

Students At Work

Proof: Some students work after school hours.

Kim Slagle works hard most evenings at Food Lion.



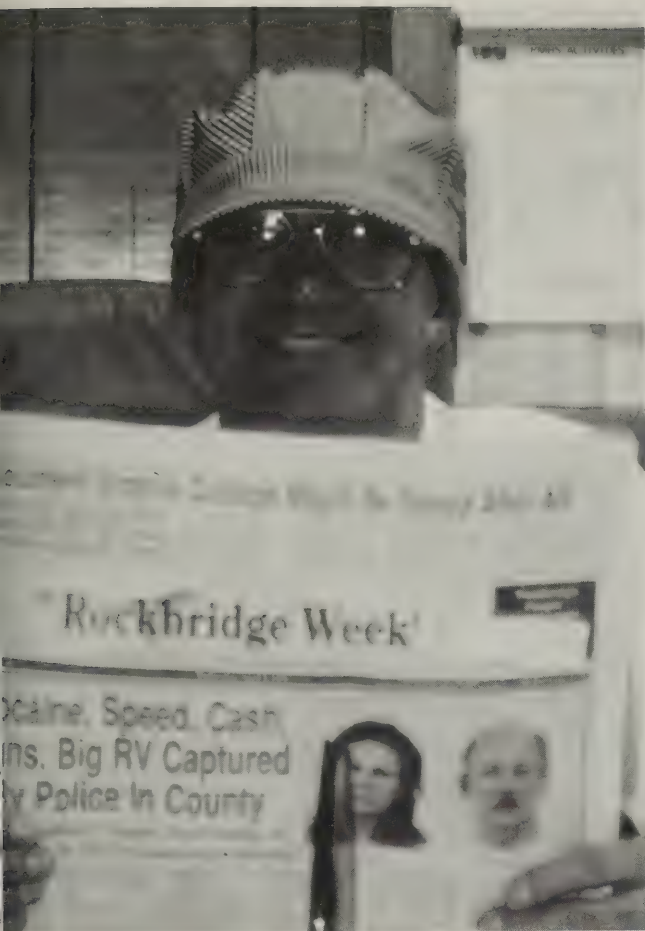
Misty Floyd works for the Monogram Club on Saturday morning selling doughnuts.



Ruthie Wheeler places the bagged groceries into the cart for her customer at Food Lion.

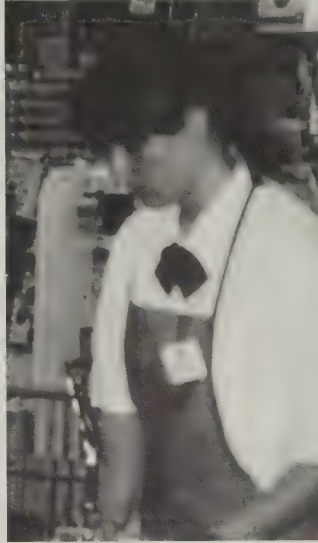
Robby Hayes takes a break from bagging groceries at Food Lion.





Mr. Flint pauses from his work for a picture.

Melissa Tyree gets ready to ring up her next order at Food Lion.



Ruthie Wheeler is still working, but manages to still have fun.



A majority of the students at Parry McCluer High School are ones who work. Many carry very heavy loads (advanced courses and sports) and are still able to work part time. Working teaches responsibility, cooperation, and the ability to get along with the public. Of course the reward is also looked forward to every week or every two weeks, the paycheck. Many students deposit their hard earned money into the bank to pay for college educations or car payments. However it is spent each student is able to be proud of themselves for having earned it themselves. Working students should be commended for their hard work. Way to go!

Don't You Wish You Were Us?



Friends enjoying dinner.



Melody Austin and Angie Rowsey clowning around.



Emily and Mikey enjoy each other's company at the Ring Dance.



Hillary, Leslie, and Teresa at the Spring Fling.



Melanie and Catherine smile after cheering on a victory for the Blues.



Shelly, Jeremiah, and Kim are having a blast at the After Football Bash.



Homecoming 1996, Friends Forever.

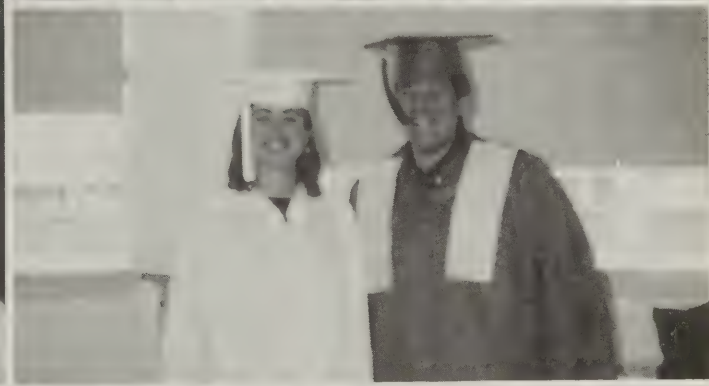
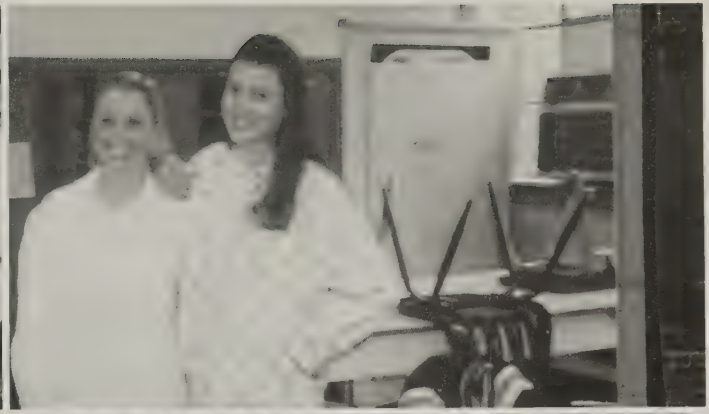


Image Is Everything!



Catherine and Chase at lunch.



Melanie, Amy, Ashley, and Catherine take a break from English.



Mikey Clark and Brennen Gilmore at lunch.



Ashley Eason and Sheldon Douglas are good friends.



The Junior Prom Committee — best of friends.



Matt Vass, Monica Stinnett, and Melanie Wexel enjoy Brennen's concert.

Friendship is a word the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm. — A. Birrell

If you want to be loved, love and be lovable. — Ben Franklin

Whatever we possess becomes of double value when we have the opportunity of sharing it with others. — Bouilly

When just being together is more important than what you do, you are with a friend.

True friends are the whole world to one another; and he that is a friend to himself is also a friend to mankind. — Seneca

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend. — Euripides

You make more friends by becoming interested in other people than by trying to interest other people in yourself. — D. Carnegie



FRIENDS

A Parting Hug



At the Senior Awards Ceremony Amy Benavitch and Melanie Wexel pose for a celebratory snapshot.

Ashley seems to be suffering from a lack of air as Chase hugs her in that "Clark Crush".

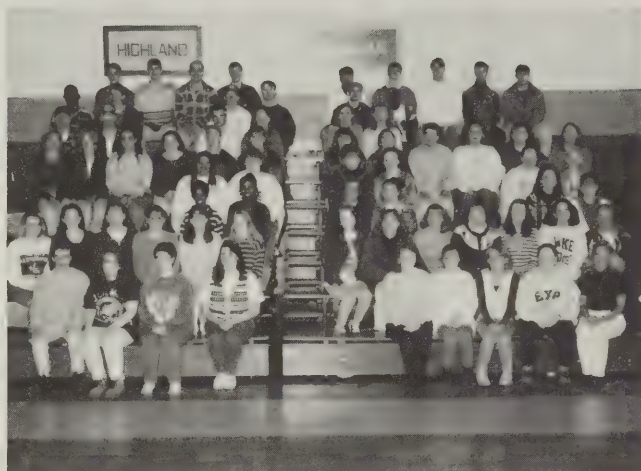
Leslie Coffey and Teresa Wise seem amused at PMHS graduate Wes Presnell's marine stance.



Only Nikki Lockett seems to be on the verge of falling asleep at the After Prom Party.

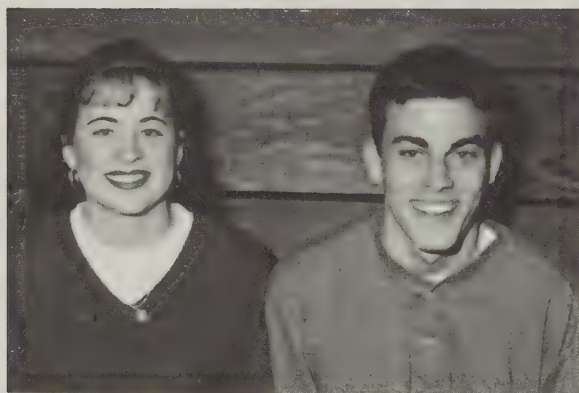
Yes, we have been accepted by a college. What a relief!

Lasting Impressions



Members of the Class of 1996 pose in the form of '96

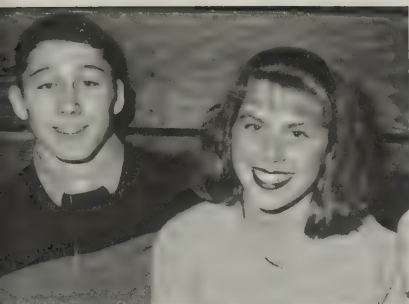
Senior Class Officers this year were L-R President, Melanie Wexel; Vice President, Natalie Nowlin; Secretary, Ashley Eason; Treasurer, Amy Benavitch and Historian, Michael Pope.



Prettiest Eyes
Amy Benavitch and Jeff Zangari



Most Athletic
Crystal Humphries and Nathan Floyd



Biggest Flirt
Bridgett Barger and Jerry W. Miller



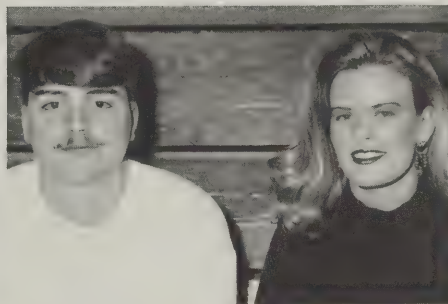
Most Talented
Ruthie Wheeler and Robin Williams



Best Personality
Natalie Nowlin and Sheldon Douglas



Most Popular
Melanie Wexel and Nathan Floyd



Best Looking
Kim Beverley and Elgin Davis



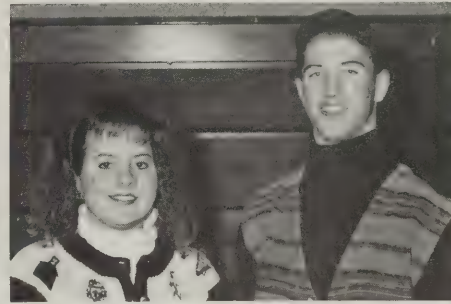
Most Outgoing
Nichelle Twitty and Ed Johnson



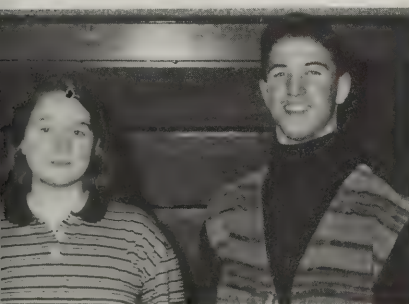
Most Dependable
Kelly Tolley and Michael Pope



Tallest
Kelly Tolley and Boo Rowsey



Best Dressed
Kim Slagle and Matt Vass



Friendliest
Robyn Lawhorne and Matt Vass



Most Unique
Ashley Eason and B.J. Rogers



Most Talkative
Nikki Lockett and Brandon Pemberton



Shortest
Wendy Martin and Gary Camden



Quietest
Elizabeth Buckland



Most Unforgettable
Nichelle Twitty and Sheldon Douglas



Best All Around
Melanie Wexel and Nathan Floyd



Prettiest Smile
Charity Lineberry and Wes Shafer



Most Likely to Succeed
Catherine DeReus and Michael Pope



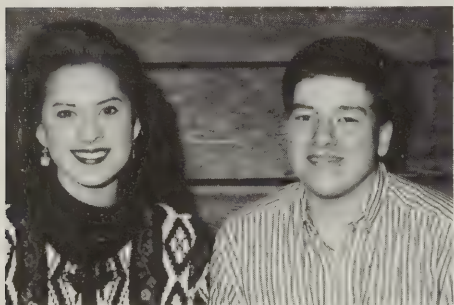
Class Clown
Danielle Coffey and Mike Coleman



Happiest
Renee Dudley and Wes Shafer



Most Artistic
Ruthie Wheeler and Robin Williams



Most Dignified
Leslie Coffey and Michael Pope



Biggest Brown-Noser
Elizabeth Diggs and Michael Pope



Nicest Car
Hillary McCormick and Shawn Sorrells



Prettiest Feet
Ashley Eason and Paul White



Ugliest Feet
Melanie Wexel and Chase Clark



Worst Attitude
Dean Ingram

Not pictured:
Most School Spirit — Shannon Huffman
Most Mischievous — Nichole Duff and Jerry Miller
Quietest — David Mikels
Most Musical — Danielle Coffey and Robbie Beard
Class Loafer — Heather Knick and Jason Ferris
Biggest Partier — Monica Stinnett
Biggest Redneck — Melody Austin
Biggest Mouth — Danielle Coffey and D.J. Douglas
Biggest Gossip — Emily Grow and D.J. Douglas
Trashiest Car — Melody Austin and Stefan Tomlin



Most Conceited
Leslie Coffey and Elgin Davis



The Nosiest
Rhonda Miller and Mike Pope



Amy Benavitch, Monica Stinnett, and Melanie Wexel pose with their new friends from Ohio at the beach. Melanie, Greg Cash, Monica, Ruthie, Hillary, Misty, Teresa, Ashley get ready to eat at the Key West Grill in celebration for Hillary's birthday.



Teresa, Amy, and Misty are taking it easy by the pool after a full day of sunning, shopping, eating, and having fun!



Ruthie, Ashley, Hillary, Misty, Teresa, Monica, Amy, and Melanie are dressed to kill.

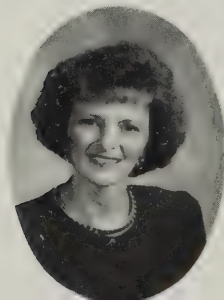
Ashley, Natasha, Monica, Nikki, Amy, and Melanie are steppin' out to Mother Fletcher's! Dance Girls!

Hairstylist Cindy Shumate Southers, a PMHS graduate, donates her expertise.



Miss PMHS 1995, Robin Floyd, crowns Mary Beth Holland, Miss PMHS 1996.

Tonya Henson Huffman applies Mary Kay cosmetics to Miss PMHS contestant Brandy Presnell.



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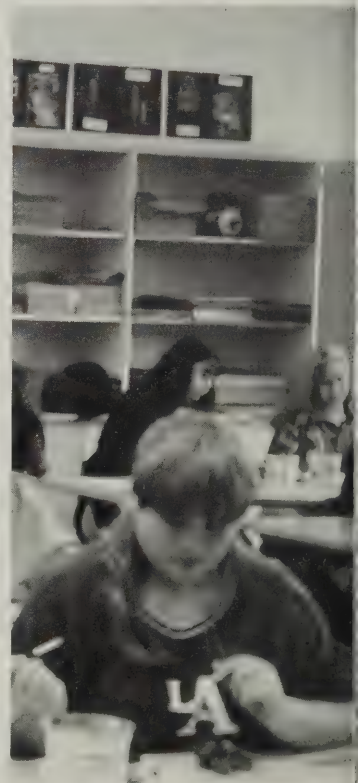
Robin Williams is working hard on Chicago Bulls player, Michael Jordan.

Crystal Humphries is almost finished the lady dressed in black.



Mrs. Strickler's art class is seen here working on yet another project.

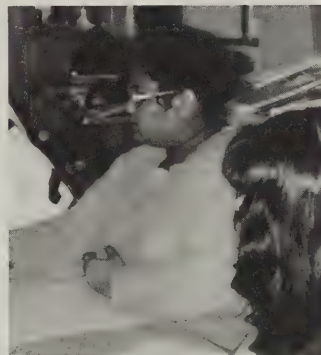
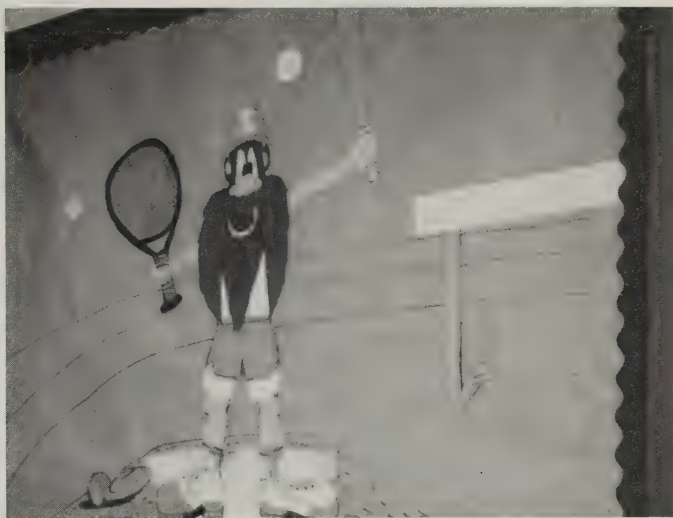
Ruthie Wheeler takes a break from doing Face Tattoos at the Spring Fling. Mrs. Strickler's art class volunteered their talent for this booth.





Stained Glass projects were some of the most beautiful projects which were completed all year long.

Mrs. Strickler's art class also put up wonderful bulletin boards through out the year.



Mikey Clark posed for art classes in his toga. "Et tu Brute?"

Courtney Dickinson made a beautiful window decoration out of tissue paper.

Wanda Eggleston and Pearly McDonald concentrate on Mikey.

Always In My Heart

Two Queens dance with their dates to "You Are Not Alone". It was the first time in PMHS history that two Homecoming Queens were crowned.

Ashley Eason and Bridgett Barger smile after being crowned.



Bridgett Barger and her escort Michael Pope are excited to hear of the announcement of the two queens.

Ashley Eason and Boo Rowsey are also excited to hear the news. What a night to remember!

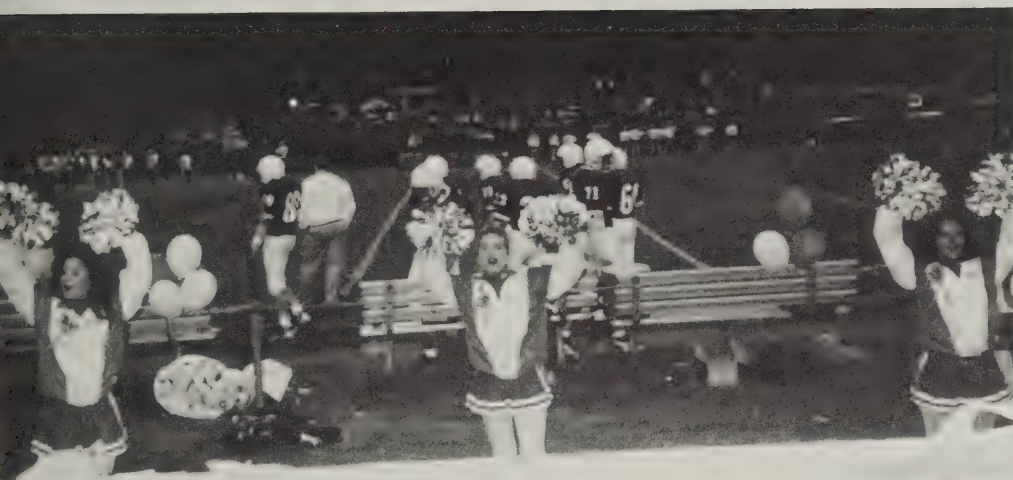




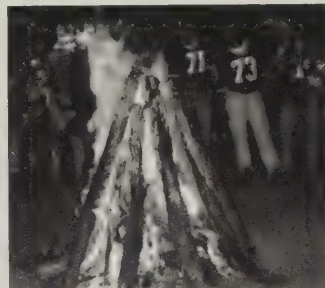
B.J. Rogers, Michael Miller, Chase Clark and Nathan Floyd celebrate their winning of the pep stick at the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Brandon Johnson discusses with his friend how great the dance seems to be each year.



Leslie Coffey, Amy Benavitch and Teresa Wise cheer the Blues to victory over Glenvar Saturday night.



A bonfire was held on the eve of the football game. A Highlander was burned in the flames.



Mr. Bleech poses with Nikki Cash, dressed in her nightwear for Pajama Day.

Seven senior girls pose in their hippie wear during Homecoming Week. Groovy Man!

One Night In Heaven

This year's prom preparations took a sharp turn in the middle of planning. Southern Virginia College for Women had decided to close their doors. The Juniors did not have a place to hold their prom. Meetings were held, ideas were produced, and calls were made. The new location: The Natural Bridge Hotel's Jefferson Ballroom. Becky's

Country Casuals donated all of the decorations from her prom show to the Junior class. Mardi Gras was her theme, thus it was also ours. The song selected was "Vision of a Sunset", and the colors were teal, fuchsia, purple, black, and gold. The ballroom was decorated with the colorful masks and palm trees. It was really beautiful.

Mikie Clark hangs up colorful ribbons in preparation for the prom.

Natural Bridge Hotel. This year's prom location.



Natural Bridge, one of the natural wonders of the world is only minutes away from the hotel.

The 1996 Junior Prom Committee poses after completing "One Night In Heaven".





Natural Bridge Gala

Everyone dances to "Open Arms" dedicated especially to the Seniors from the Juniors.



Our chaperones.

Mr. Flint seems to be enjoying himself at the evening's events.

The Senior Walk

Nikki Lockett and Zachary Bice prepare to walk out as their name is announced for the Senior Walk.



GQ Candidates

Ed Johnson and Jonathan Griffin take a break from the dancing and cool off outside on the balcony.

Law and Order

Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Carr seem to be enjoying the gala event at Natural Bridge.

Erin Dickinson crowns Chase Clark Prom King.



Some of the Prom Committee members read the dedication and a special poem to the Seniors after they have finished lining up.



Jennifer Bayley crowns Amy Benavitch Prom Queen.

The 1996 Senior Prom King and Queen.



The Seniors line up along the dance floor.

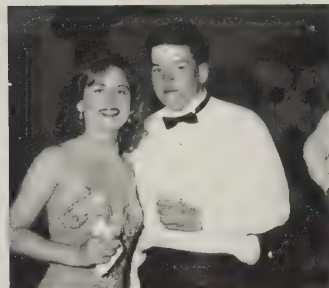




Amy Porterfield and Jason Bane take a break on the balcony.



Leslie Coffey and Jonathan Griffin prepare to walk out for the Senior Walk.



Amy Benavitch and Michael Pope take a break from dancing and get a drink.



Dianna Harris and her escort Nathan Floyd wait as their name is announced for the Senior Walk.

The Junior Class welcomed the Seniors on June 1st. Kelly Pryor read the following to the Seniors: Another year goes passing by, Another prom is here. To some this brings a joyous smile, To others, brings a tear. For four years you have tread a path, From dawn to setting sun. But now the path gets steeper, And the climb is just begun. We're very glad to know you, We'll miss you when you're gone. And to the Class of '96, We

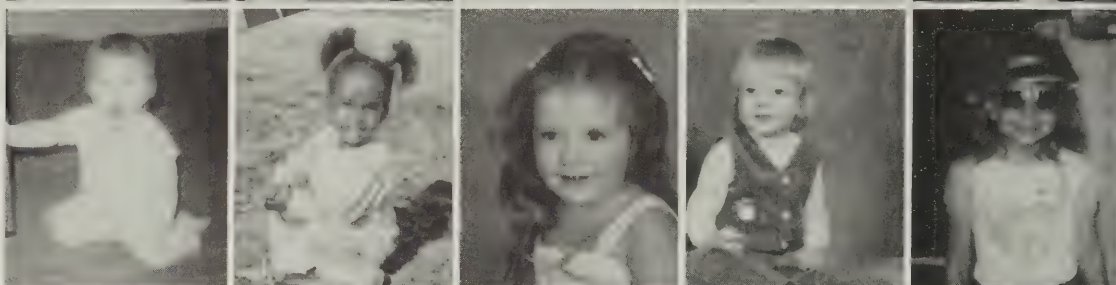
dedicate our prom. After the dedication, another committee member, Robin Floyd read a poem, which she wrote for the Seniors. "What Is A Senior?" A senior is a bookmark, Each one is unique; And what do we see of each? In reality, only a peek. But each senior holds a place, Whether it be in mind or in heart; Seniors serve as role models, Right from the very start. Seniors go through the highs and lows of ending, Experi-

ence the bad and good; And never give up, Always hold strong as a senior should. Yes, a senior is a bookmark, Moving forward; it never really ends; When the books' last page is turned, Another book begins. Never being forgotten by those who knew them well; To the seniors, we say Good Luck and bid you all Farewell. Thank you Juniors for making "one Night in Heaven" so memorable for the Senior Class of '96.

Melody Austin
Bridgett Barger
Jennifer Barger
Amy Benavitch
Kim Beverley



Elizabeth Buckland
Melissa Carter
Nikki Cash
Chase Clark
Crystal Clark



Danielle Coffey
Leslie Coffey
Cherie Davis
Elgin Davis
Catherine DeReus



Elizabeth Diggs
Sheldon Douglas
Renee Dudley
Ashley Eason
Leanna Fitzgerald



Nathan Floyd
Emily Grow
Shannon Huffman
Robyn Lawhorne
Charity Lineberry



Senior Banquet Highlights

Bridgett Barger still uses that Barger smile to get exactly what she wants.

Amy Benavitch is the perfect little VMI Mascot.

Leslie Coffey refuses to dress her doll because Becky's doesn't have anything in her size.

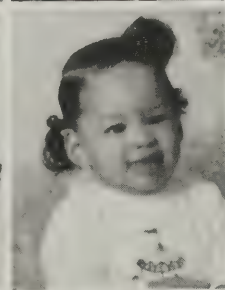


A group picture of the Southern Seminary preschool Class of 1983. Several of the PMHS Class of 1996 are in the group, see who you can find.

Michael Pope, Leslie Coffey, Ruthie Wheeler, and Robyn Lawhorne pause for a picture on the infamous "Sem Hill".



Nikki Lockett
Wendy Martin
Hillary McCormick
Michael Pope
Kim Slagle



Stacy Smith
Kim Turner
Nichelle Twitty
Melissa Tyree
Melanie Wexel



Ruthie Wheeler
Teresa Wise

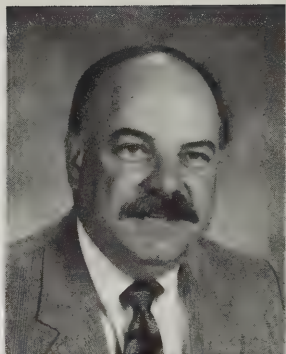
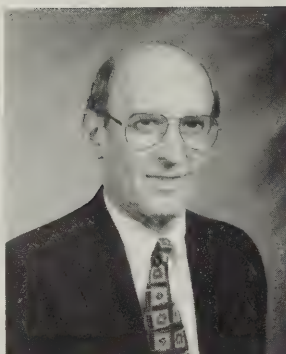
Hillary McCormick chokes her stuffed animals after receiving her first A-.

Michael Pope prepares for a day at the office.

Kim Slagle, the only person who can drive through town with the top down without messing up her hair.

Melanie Wexel is never satisfied. She got a train, but wanted a tennis racquet so she could play with Lois Yancey.

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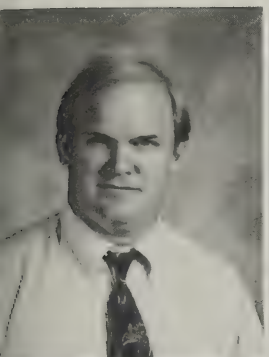
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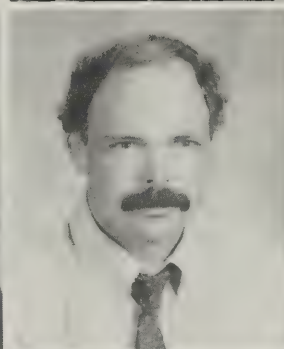
Ed Johnson attempts to give Mrs. Teague correct change, but has difficulty.

Mr. Bond ignores Craig Snodgrass at the moment when Craig manages successfully complete his balancing experiment.

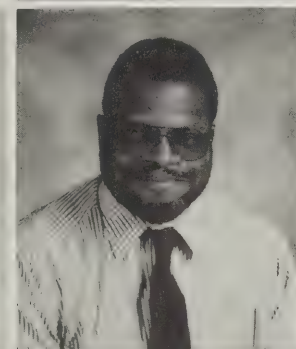
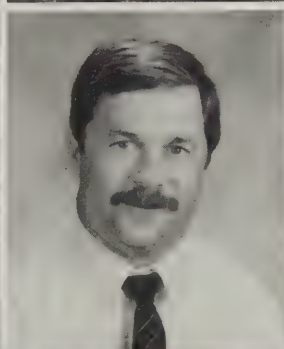




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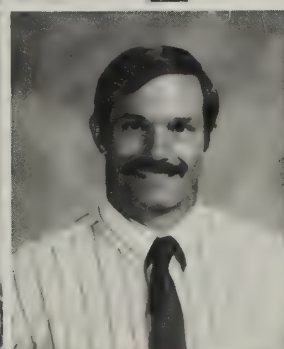
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Earl Downs
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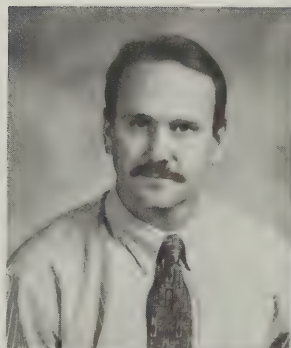


Nelson Fox
Ronald Gravatt
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Mark Melton
Dawn Pendleton
Jo Ravenhorst
Doris Strickler

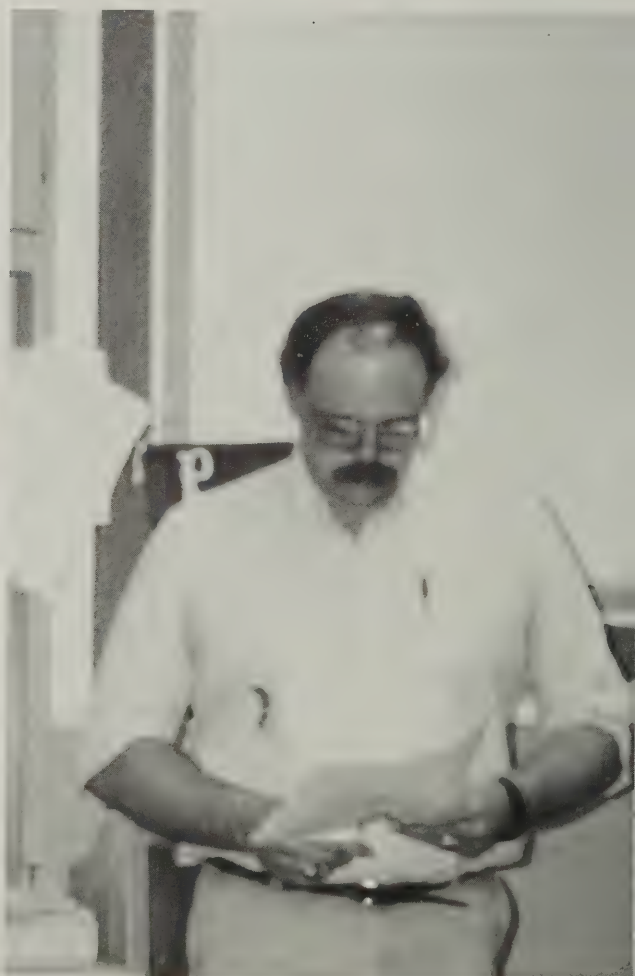


Betty Teague
Kishia Tutt
Brud Waddell
Joan Whitesell



Now what?
Mr. Craft reads another re-
quest for his printing services.

Oh?
Mrs. Floyd questions a com-
ment made by one of her col-
leagues.



Mrs. Teague works with the S.C.A. Vice President, Elizabeth Diggs. The S.C.A. worked many long hours after school.



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On January of 1968 Parry McCluer High School was blessed with a very special lady. From the time she entered the doors of PMHS until now, twenty-eight and a half years later, she has provided our school with many gifts. She serves as Student Council Association Sponsor, a Class Sponsor, and as an English teacher. She is always working on something, from Yosemite Sam to Santa Claus and her latest, perhaps most successful, project, prom. Perchance this is why she can be seen late in her room at night attending to business. You can always find her at the ball games whether it is guarding the entrance or selling tickets she still manages to cheer the Blues on. This lady can also be

seen in the company of a former Buena Vista Policeman who often visits her after school hours. She takes life as it comes and never finds herself in a hurry. She is always willing to help in any way and doesn't hesitate to give it when needed. She shows off that Colgate Smile whenever she passes you in the halls and grins and bears it in those sometimes tough classroom situations. She is not only known as the "Queen of Filmstrips", Teaglette, or Mama Teague but as a loving mother, teacher, and friend. For all that you do Mrs. Teague the yearbook staff would like to honor you today and dedicate the 1995-96 Yearbook to you and your everlasting love for each of us. Thank You!



Here we see Mama Teague guarding the gate at one of the Blues home football games.

Mrs. Teague is still able to muster up a smile although she still has a mountain of paper to grade.

You've been amazing me for seventeen years. I can't wait to see what's next. You light up my life "Miss Mouse". I Love You, Mom and Derrick

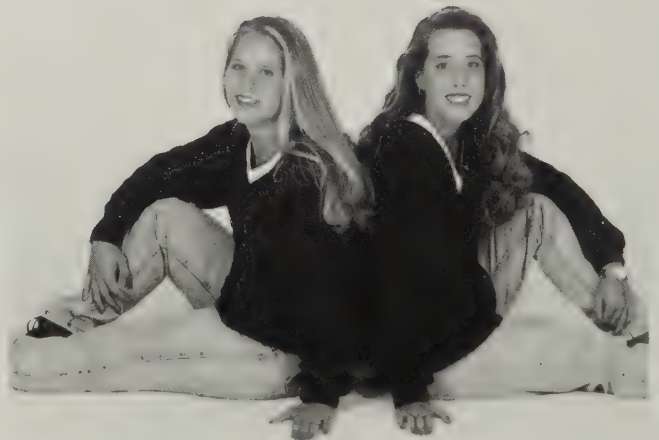


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Then top it off with a great big smile
And a sprinkle of dreams come true,
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That I've known since I met you.*



Many Thanks!



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Thank you for providing us with so many pictures!



Danielle,

Congratulations! Your dad and I are really proud of you. You made it a long hard struggle, but we always knew you could do it. There comes a time for joyful tears and this is surely one. Love ya, Mom and Dad



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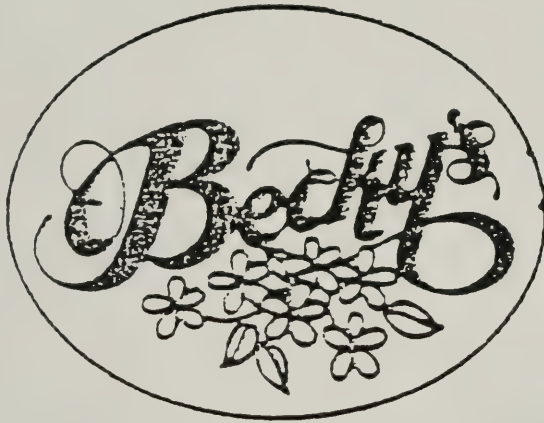
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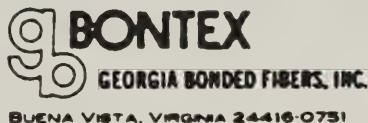
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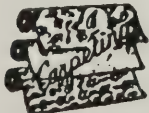
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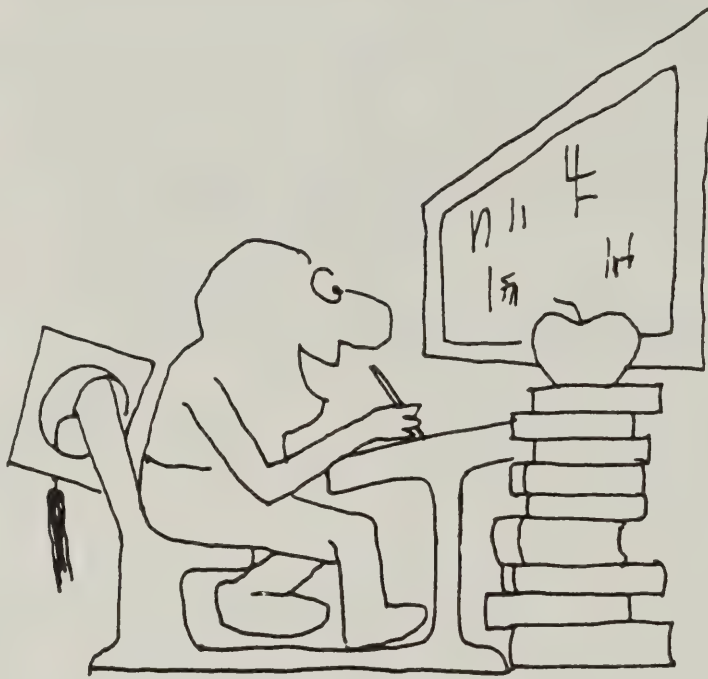
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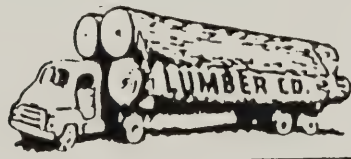
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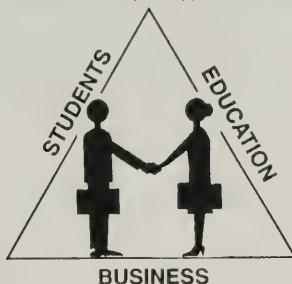




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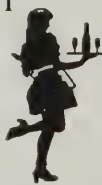
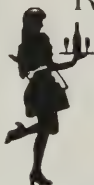
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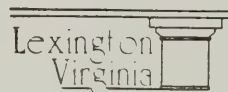
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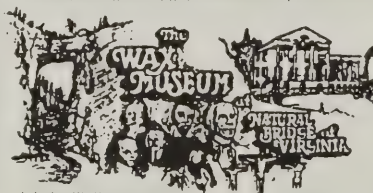
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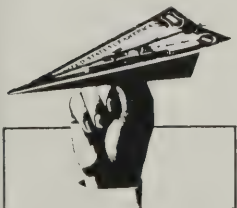
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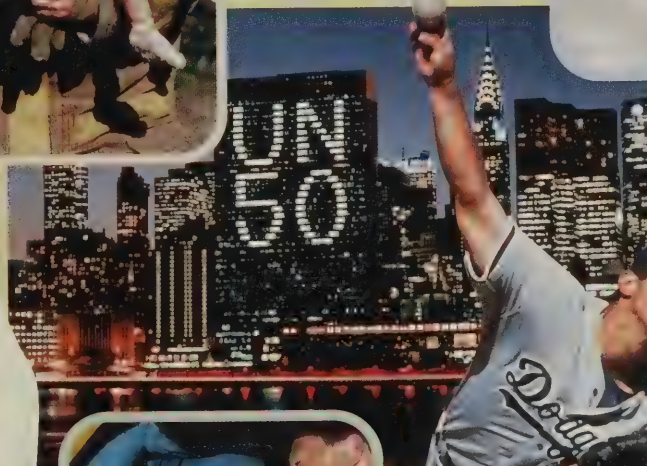
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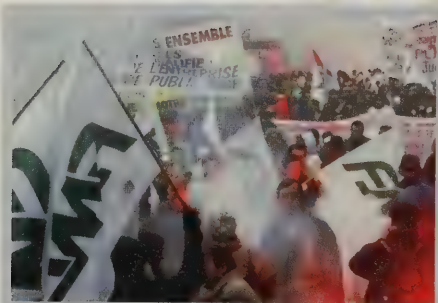
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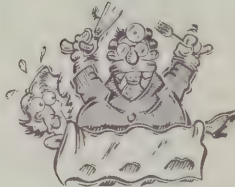
French transportation workers strike against their government throughout the month of December, shutting down the airlines and the metro system, after France increases the retirement age from 50 to 55 and lengthens the work week from 37 to 39 hours in efforts to cut spending.

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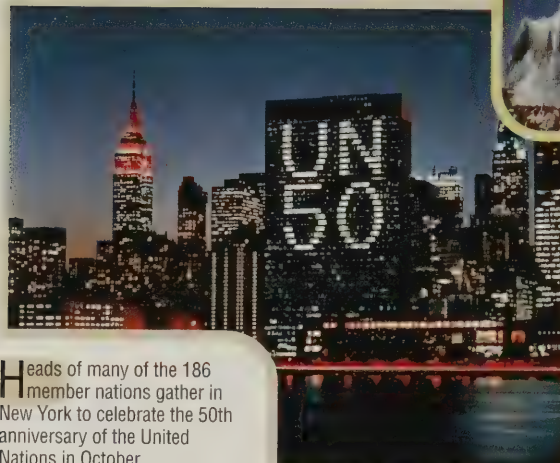


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Pope John Paul II visits New Jersey, New York and Maryland, and addresses the United Nations. He speaks out on social, economic, political and moral themes.



In late May, a doctor performs emergency surgery aboard British Airways flight 32 using a coat hanger, a knife and fork, and a scissors sterilized in brandy to save a woman whose life is threatened by a collapsed lung.



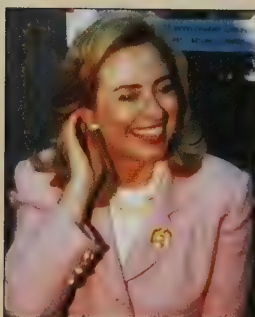
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Heads of many of the 186 member nations gather in New York to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in October.



Philippe Giraud, Sygma

Tahitian protests escalate into riots after France detonates a nuclear test device 750 miles from the South Pacific island. France's September resumption of tests after a three-year moratorium brings global condemnation.



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In a powerful address to the U.N.'s Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, attended by 30,000 women from 180 countries, U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton declares, "Women's rights are human rights," to a desk-thumping, applauding audience.



Dan Dean, Gamma/Liaison

Shock waves hit the Middle East when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is shot and killed while leaving a peace rally in Tel Aviv November 4. His murderer, Jewish extremist Yigal Amir, fanatically opposes peace negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



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Marxist Cuban President Fidel Castro abandons his Havana cigar and military fatigues for a suit and tie on a diplomatic visit to New York in October, where he tries to convince the U.S. to lift its 33-year-old trade embargo on still-communist Cuba.



Madman Shoko Asahara, leader of the Japanese apocalyptic religious cult, Aum Shinrikyo, is arrested on May 16 and charged with the Tokyo subway nerve-gas attack that left 12 people dead and injured 5,500 more in March.

Julie Press/AFIP from Bettmann



Fifty years after the end of World War II, Japan remembers those killed by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A solitary building left standing after the blast, now a memorial called the Atomic Bomb Dome, symbolizes the horrors of war and the price of peace.

An earthquake kills 51 people on the resort-studded Pacific coast of Mexico. The quake measures 7.5 on the Richter scale and is felt 330 miles away in Mexico City.



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The first U.S. president to visit Northern Ireland, President Clinton receives a warm Christmas welcome for his show of support for peace between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

Hurricane Marilyn inflicts millions of dollars of damage in the Virgin Islands in September. Winds up to 127 miles per hour severely damage half the homes on St. Thomas.



G. Williams, Gamma/Liaison

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In November, the Republic of Ireland narrowly passes a referendum calling for an end to the country's 1937 constitutional ban on divorce.

While competing in an international balloon race in September, two hot air balloonists, one English and one American, are shot down when their balloon floats off course over Belarus. The Belarusian army sees the balloon as a security threat and fires without warning. The balloonists fall to their death.

More than four years after Desert Storm, Iraq's President Saddam Hussein remains in power, though two of his sons-in-law defect to Jordan on August 8 and call for Hussein's overthrow.



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Hope blooms for peace in Bosnia when Bosnia's President Izetbegovic (left) shakes hands with Serbia's President Milosevic on the opening day of the November cease-fire talks in Dayton, Ohio. Croatia's President Tudjman looks on. The ensuing Paris peace agreement of December sends 60,000 NATO peacekeeping troops to the war-torn country.



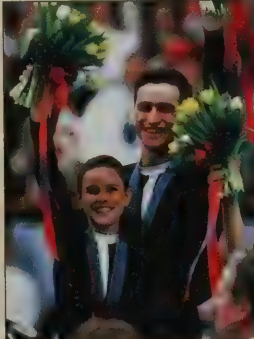
Brooks Kraft, Sigma

Quebec, Canada's largely French-speaking province, defeats an October referendum on Quebec independence by a margin of less than one percent.



Thomas Renaut, Gamma/Liaison

In July, without public explanations, Burma's military rulers free the country's most famous political prisoner, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the pro-democracy movement and Nobel peace laureate, after six years of house arrest.



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

Russian figure skater Sergei Grinkov, 28, collapses and dies from a heart attack during practice with his wife-partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on November 20. The pair won two Olympic gold medals and four world pairs titles.



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Great Britain's Princess Diana shocks Buckingham Palace with a tell-all BBC interview. Defying royal protocol, she discusses her marriage to unfaithful husband, Prince Charles, her struggle with depression and bulimia, and an extramarital affair. The majority of English people express their support and sympathy.



AP/Wide World

Securities trader Nicholas Leeson is arrested in Germany in March 1995 for fraud, forgery, and breach-of-trust. Leeson racked up a \$1.32 billion loss that caused the collapse of Barings PLC, the 233-year-old British bank.

A San Francisco sewer line bursts under pressure from battering rainstorms, creating a monster sinkhole that swallows a \$2-million house in the Sea Cliff district. One-hundred-mile-per-hour winds knock out power to tens of thousands of homes and nearly blow a truck off the Bay Bridge.



Brant Ward, San Francisco Chronicle/Gamma/Liaison

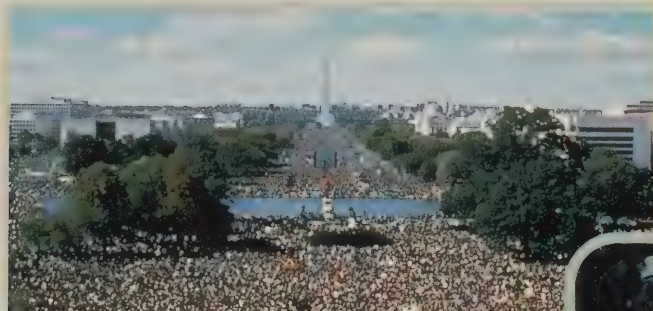
Three days of drenching rains in the Pacific Northwest swell rivers to overflowing, causing severe flooding in Washington in December. In the town of Carnation, a pastor conveys a woman to dry land with a wheelbarrow.



AP/Wide World



The federal government repeals the national 55-mile-per-hour highway speed limit, enacted in 1974 during the oil embargo. The legislation allows states to set their own limits. On Montana highways, speed limits are eliminated completely.



African-American men from across the country converge on Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March on October 16. The march, led by Nation-of-Islam minister Louis Farrakhan, promotes African-American unity, dignity, and family values.

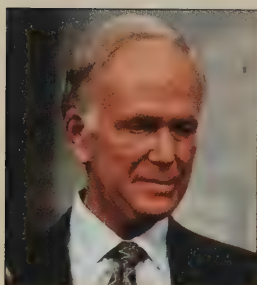


Larry Downing, Sygma



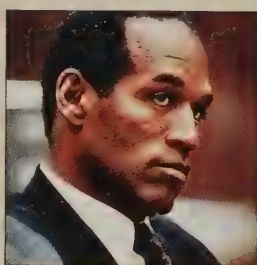
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Air Force Captain Scott O'Grady (right) is rescued from pursuing Bosnian Serb forces by U.S. Marines on June 8, six days after his plane is shot down over Bosnia. O'Grady survived on insects, plants, and rainwater.

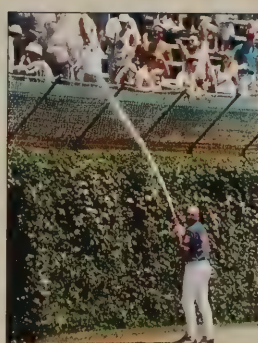


Markel, Gamma/Liaison

U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon resigns on September 7, the day after the Senate Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him for sexual misconduct, embarrassingly detailed in his diaries, which were made public.

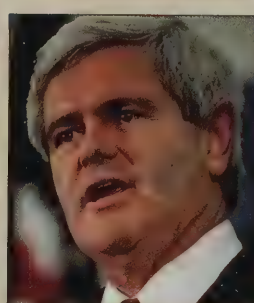


The nation comes to a standstill on October 3 as more than 150 million people watch live TV coverage of the outcome of the nine-month-long trial of the century. After less than four hours of deliberation, the jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.



Scott Olson, Sipa Press

Illinois suffers a record heat wave in July, with temperatures as high as 104°. The heat takes the lives of 457 people statewide. At Wrigley Stadium, Jaime Navarro helps faithful Chicago Cubs fans stay cool.



Gifford, Gamma/Liaison

After a year of fame as a conservative revolutionary, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slumps in popularity, tainted by the government shutdown, his stalled Contract With America, and investigations into his political action committee and his financial affairs.



Two-thousand volunteer firefighters battle a raging wildfire in eastern Long Island, New York, for three days in August. The fire, following a 21-day drought, consumes 5,500 acres of pine barrens and damages a dozen homes. There are no injuries or fatalities.

The image of firefighter Chris Fields holding one-year-old Baylee Almon, who later dies, comes to symbolize the horror of the April 19 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 150 adults and 19 children.

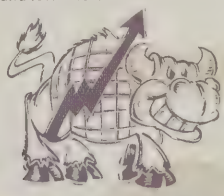


Charles H. Porter, IV, Sygma

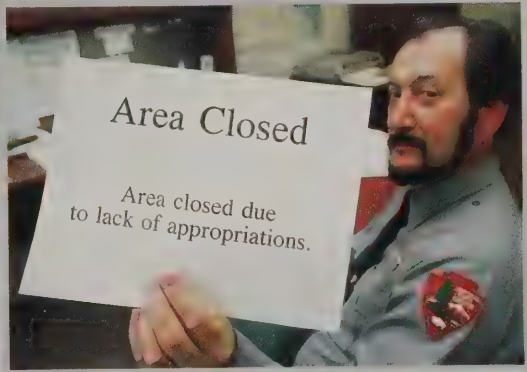
As more Americans invest, Wall Street enjoys a bull market. In November, the Dow-Jones Industrial Average hits 5000, a milestone indicating healthy corporate profits and low interest rates.



Zielenbach Chicago Tribune from Gamma/Liaison



On April 30, the adoptive parents of four-year-old "Baby Richard" comply with an Illinois court order to turn the child over to his biological parents.



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The government shuts down for six days in November after the President and Congress fail to agree on how to balance the federal budget. The shutdown affects non-essential federal services, including the National Park Service. A longer shutdown follows in December.

flash

Despite Americans' doubts and fears, U.S. troops head for Bosnia in December. The 20,000 U.S. forces, serving under NATO command beside 40,000 European allies, face the task of keeping peace among the country's warring Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

The State of South Carolina sentences Susan Smith to life in prison for the drowning murder of her two young sons in 1994.

An anonymous donor sends St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis \$1 million in the form of a winning ticket from McDonald's November "Monopoly" sweepstakes game.

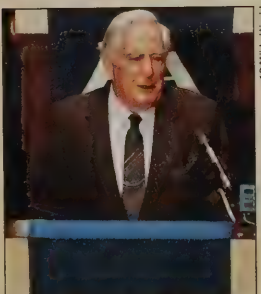
In the wake of a growing number of random attacks from assailants with knives and guns, White House security is forced to close Pennsylvania Avenue to traffic.

After allegedly ignoring federal pollution regulations for years, General Motors agrees under threat of an \$11-million fine to recall 500,000 Cadillacs at a cost of \$45 million.



AP/Wide World

A record snowfall paralyzes the East Coast in January 1996, stranding travelers and killing 100 people. Seven states, from Virginia to Massachusetts, declare emergencies. Philadelphia gets 30.7 inches of snow.

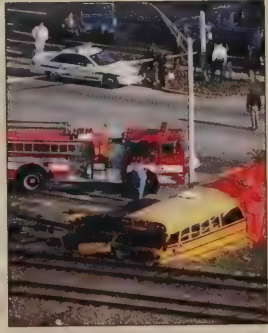


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Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1969 to 1986, dies in June at age 87. Though appointed by President Richard Nixon, he ordered Nixon to turn over tapes in the Watergate hearings that effectively ended the president's career.



The Washington Post publishes a manifesto written by the unidentified killer known as "The Unabomber," at large since 1978 and wanted for 16 mail bombs that have killed 3 and injured 23. FBI agents scrutinize the article for clues to the bomber's identity.



AP/Wide World

A Chicago commuter train slams into the back end of a loaded school bus. The accident, allegedly caused by a poorly timed stoplight placed too near the tracks, kills 7 students and injures 28 on October 25.



Bettmann Archive

American women celebrate the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. Women's suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) first organized the fight for suffrage in 1848.

Wubbo De Jong/Het Parool from Sygma

As the result of an improperly cleaned test tube at a fertility clinic, a woman in the Netherlands gives birth to twin boys, each from a different father.



AP/Wide World



NASA

A stunning photograph from the Hubble Space Telescope captures a moment in the birth of a star in the Eagle Nebula, 7,000 light years from Earth. Light from the young star's nuclear furnace lifts towering pillars of hydrogen gas and interstellar dust.



Dr. Jeffrey Fried, Gamma/Liaison



In March, the Federal Drug Administration approves a chicken-pox vaccine. Rarely fatal, chicken-pox affects 3.7 million Americans annually.

Archaeologists discover a 3,000-year-old tomb in May that is believed to hold the remains of 52 sons of Ramses II, Pharaoh of Egypt.

Researchers announce that they have isolated a gene in mice linked to obesity. Mice with a mutated OB gene are injected with the hormone leptin, resulting in dramatic weight loss. The public is tantalized at the prospect of leptin as a slimming treatment for use in humans.



© Cincinnati Zoo



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Fossils of a jawbone (left) and leg bone (right) found in Kenya in August reveal a previously unknown species of upright hominid that lived four million years ago, pushing the emergence of bipedalism back half a million years. Walking upright is a key adaptation that separates humans from apes.



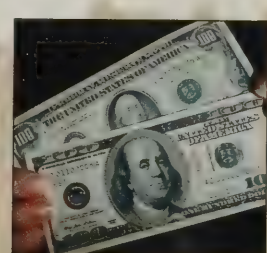
Val Mazzrenga/Chicago Tribune

Media attention focuses on melatonin, a naturally occurring hormone used to induce sleep and slow the effects of aging. Lauded as a wonder drug, a kilogram of synthetic melatonin sells for as much as \$10,000.



AP/Wide World

In a procedure known as tissue engineering, scientists grow a human ear under the skin of a laboratory mouse. Researchers hope the procedure will play an important role in the future of transplant surgery.



AP/Wide World

As a protective measure against counterfeiting in the era of digital publishing, the Treasury Department redesigns U.S. currency bills, to be issued over the next five years, starting early 1996 with the new \$100 bill.

The world's first test-tube gorilla is born at the Cincinnati Zoo in October as part of an effort to save the western lowland gorilla, an endangered species that numbers fewer than 450 animals.

Former rivals in space become comrades in space after the historic docking of the U.S. space shuttle *Atlantis* and Russia's *Mir* space station on June 29. Astronaut Robert Gibson (in red) greets cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov.



In June, volcanic eruptions give birth to a baby island. A new member of the Tonga Islands emerges near New Zealand, 900 feet high and 140 feet wide.



AP/Wide World

flash

After a decade-long search, scientists isolate what may be the most important cancer-related gene. The defective gene known as ATM is associated with cancers of the breast, colon, lung, stomach, pancreas and skin, and may be carried by two million Americans.

Astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope observe new moons orbiting the planet Saturn, adding at least 2 moons and possibly 4 to Saturn's previously known total of 18.

Gamma/Liaison



Buyers rush to stores for the new computer operating system Windows 95, spurred by Microsoft Corp.'s \$700-million publicity barrage and the promise of a friendlier interface.



A. Tannenbaum, Sygma

The movie *Apollo 13* opens in the summer after filming many of its scenes inside NASA's "zero gravity" plane, which mimics the weightlessness astronauts experience in space by diving into a 23-second freefall.

A team of French and British explorers believe they have found an ancient breed of horse previously unknown to scientists. In November, the four-foot high horse with a triangular head, which resembles the vanished horses of European Stone Age drawings, is named *Riwoche* for its home region in Tibet.

October satellite photographs show the recent rapid deterioration of the earth's ozone layer above Antarctica. Pollutants produced mostly by the U.S. cause the hole in the atmosphere's protective layer to increase to the size of Europe.



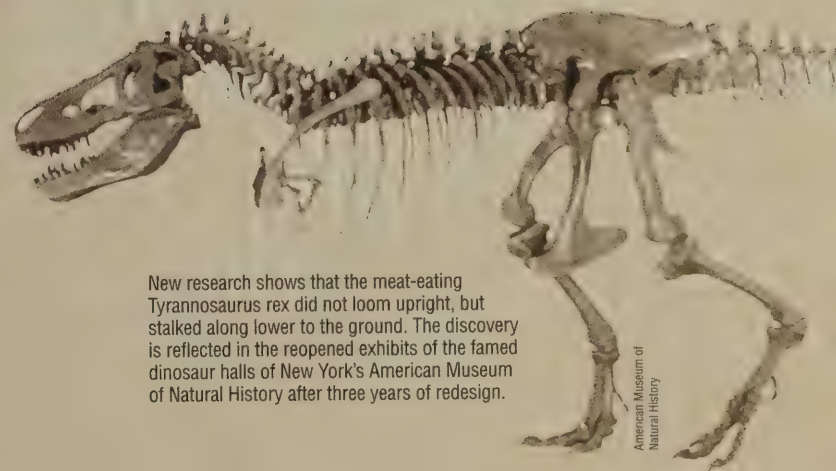
VISA International

In November, Visa introduces a cash-storage card that eliminates a pocketful of loose change. A chip in the plastic card tracks the amount of available cash, which is accessed with a reader at the place of purchase. The card can be taken to the bank and reloaded.



Nintendo of America

Now virtual reality comes in a handy travel size with Nintendo's latest, Virtual Boy, a portable 3-D video-game system with stereophonic sound.



New research shows that the meat-eating *Tyrannosaurus rex* did not loom upright, but stalked along lower to the ground. The discovery is reflected in the reopened exhibits of the famed dinosaur halls of New York's American Museum of Natural History after three years of redesign.

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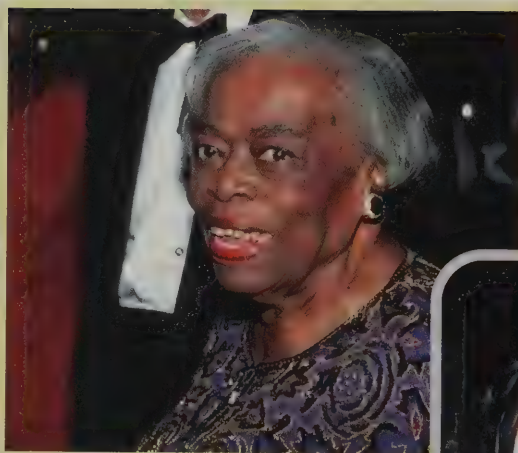
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Dana Fineman, Sygma

Already well known for her appearances in Aerosmith music videos, 19-year-old Alicia Silverstone achieves stardom with the 1995 summer movie hit *Clueless*.



J. L. Bulcao, Gamma Liaison

With \$150,000 saved during her 75 hardworking years as a washerwoman, Oseola McCarty establishes a scholarship fund for African-American students at the University of Southern Mississippi. For her selflessness, she is awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Pamela Lee of "Baywatch" fame and husband Tommy Lee, Motley Crüe drummer, are the life of the party this year, frequently caught by the press engaging in public displays of affection.



Bill Jordan, Charleston Post Courier from Sipa Press

Trailblazer Shannon Faulkner (hand to head) withdraws from the Citadel after collapsing during "hell week." Faulkner singlehandedly attempted to bust the gender barrier at the all-male South Carolina military institution.



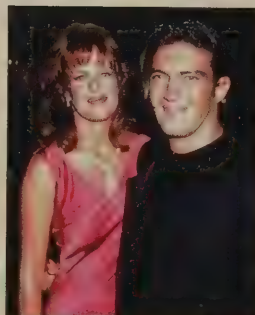
Frank Capri/Saga from Archive Photos

Millions of Americans tune in to Martha Stewart's TV show, subscribe to her magazine, and read her books. The popular cooking and home-decorating entrepreneur builds an empire by packaging a distinctive American nostalgic style.



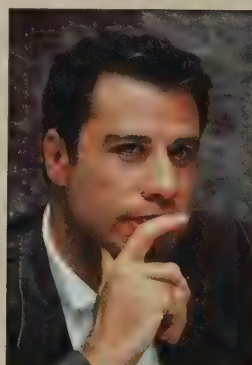
Marc Deville, Gamma Liaison

Bill Gates, founder and chairman of the computer giant Microsoft, becomes the wealthiest man in the world on the success of his company's software. His book *The Road Ahead* hits *The New York Times* best-seller list.



Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Hot actor Antonio Banderas falls in love with another screen sex-symbol Melanie Griffith during the filming of *Two Much*. Banderas will co-star with Madonna in the film version of *Evita* and will star in Steven Spielberg-produced *Zorro*.



Seventies superstar John Travolta's motion-picture comeback in the 1994 hit *Pulp Fiction* continues with starring roles in *Get Shorty* and *Broken Arrow*.

Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star



Sandra Bullock follows up her star-making role in *Speed* with the gentle romance *While You Were Sleeping*. Bullock's fresh, wholesome image earns her an "Entertainer of the Year" nomination from *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

Folke from Shooting Star

flash

America is disappointed in its high hopes for Colin Powell's 1996 presidential candidacy. At the close of his whirlwind book tour for *My American Journey*, the General and his wife Alma announce in November that he will not seek the Republican nomination.



Pete Souza, Gamma/Liaison

Stand-up comic and sitcom star Ellen DeGeneres makes the best-seller list with her book *My Point...And I Do Have One*.



Calvin Klein's provocative CK Jeans campaign causes an uproar in August, bringing nasty headlines, threats of retailer boycotts and an FBI investigation. The scandal only seems to help sales.

Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley announce their divorce almost a year after their surprise marriage. The tabloids have a field day speculating about the reasons for the marriage (was it a cold-hearted career move?) as well as the causes for the break-up (was he after Elvis' fortune?).

Breaking the Surface, the autobiography of Greg Louganis, former U.S. Olympic gold-medal diver who revealed earlier that he has AIDS, debuts at No. 2 on the best-seller list.

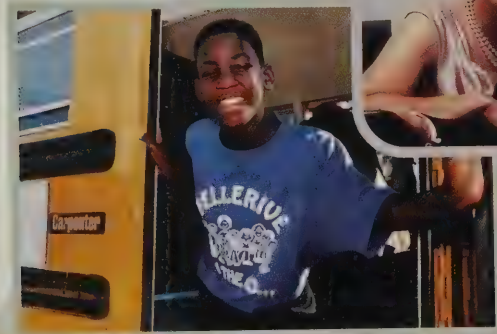


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Christopher Reeve, in a wheelchair and hooked up to a portable respirator, appears with his wife, Dana, at the American Paralysis Association's annual gala on November 9, less than five months after a fall from a horse left him almost totally paralyzed.

Popcorn magnate Orville Redenbacher, who transformed popping corn into a gourmet item, dies on September 19 from heart failure.

Two Chinese women set a new Guinness world record in November by living in a room for 12 days with 888 poisonous snakes. The previous world record, set in Singapore in 1987, was 10 days with 200 snakes.



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A 10-year-old St. Louis schoolboy, Larry Champagne III, becomes a hero by taking control of his school bus after the driver suffered a stroke. Champagne is later awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the bus company.



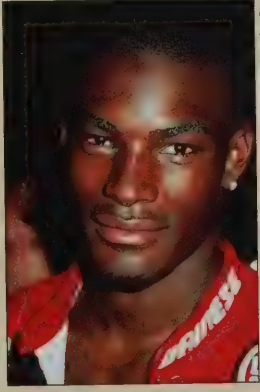
Malissa Roth, LGI

Actress Demi Moore becomes the highest paid woman in Hollywood, able to command \$12.5 million per movie, even after this year's flop at the box office *The Scarlet Letter*, loosely based on Hawthorne's classic.



Tim Mosmiller, LGI

Favorite of America's heartland for his *You Might Be A Redneck If...* jokes, Georgia-born stand-up comic and author Jeff Foxworthy gets his own ABC sitcom in which he plays himself.



Nancy Kaszerman, Shooting Star

Model Beckford Tyson, singled out by Ralph Lauren for his all-American looks, signs an exclusive contract with the fashion designer in 1995.



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Miss Oklahoma Shawntel Smith is crowned Miss America on September 16. During the broadcast of the 75th pageant, viewers phone in their votes to retain the swimsuit competition.



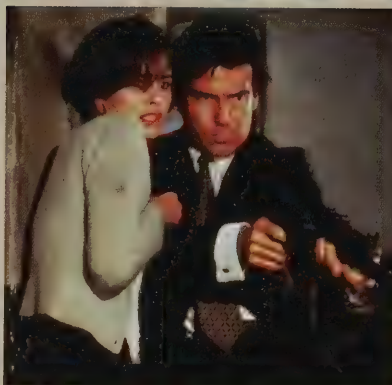
Kurt Vixant, Sipa Press

John F. Kennedy, Jr., is cofounder and editor-in-chief of *George*, a glossy new magazine covering American politics. Hounded all his life by the press, Kennedy joins their ranks, contributing a feature interview to each issue.



Sygm

Batman *Forever*, with Val Kilmer in the title role and Chris O'Donnell as Robin, becomes the third Batman movie and the summer's top-grossing film.



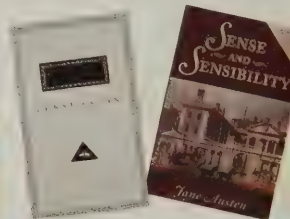
United Artists from Shooting Star

The fifth actor to play 007 in the enduring film series begun in the 1960s, Pierce Brosnan abandons his Aston Martin for a BMW Z3 Roadster in *Goldeneye*, the latest and, some say, best James Bond movie.

Three 1995 movies bring Jane Austen classics to the silver screen: *Clueless*, based on Austen's novel *Emma*, and *Sense and Sensibility* and *Persuasion*.



Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Pictures continues its line of animated blockbusters with the Native American legend *Pocahontas*. The picture previews in New York's Central Park to an outdoor audience of 200,000.



M. Gerber, LGI

After an unpromising start, Conan O'Brien quickly gains popularity as host of NBC's "Late Night," a slot previously filled by David Letterman. Letterman's current show on CBS slowly loses viewers.



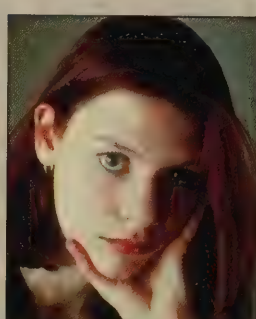
Yoram Kahana, Shooting Star

Whitney Houston stars in the December film release, *Waiting to Exhale*, adapted from Terry McMillan's best-selling novel about the lives of four middle-class African-American women. Houston sings the title song for the movie soundtrack, which enjoys brisk sales.



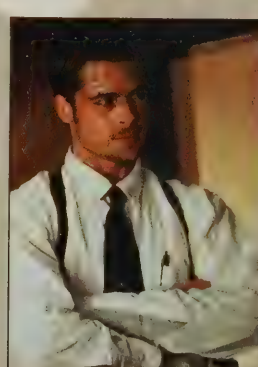
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

Denzel Washington, critically acclaimed for his performances in films *Crimson Tide* and *Devil in a Blue Dress*, receives highest praise from the City of Los Angeles, which honors him with the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for his philanthropic work on behalf of children.



Bedford Falls from Shooting Star

Although ABC cancels her TV series "My So-Called Life," 17-year-old Claire Danes hits the big screen in *How to Make an American Quilt*, *To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday*, and *Romeo and Juliet* with Leonardo DiCaprio as her co-star.



Pacha, LGI

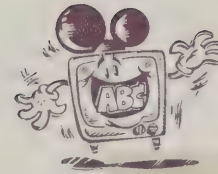
In the suspense-thriller *Seven*, heartthrob Brad Pitt attracts a wide male audience with his performance as a detective on the trail of a serial killer whose murders are based on the seven deadly sins.



Jeff Katz, Gamma/Liaison

NBC's hospital drama "E.R." continues to draw high ratings throughout 1995 thanks to its dramatic realism and the appeal of handsome George Clooney (middle right), supermodel Cindy Crawford's latest date.

Disney Pictures from Shooting Star



Disney Entertainment spends \$19 billion to purchase the ABC television network in July.

Toy Story is the world's first entirely computer-animated film. Released by Disney during the Christmas season, it features the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles.

flash

MTV introduces "Singled Out," an over-the-top dating game show where contestants ask random, pointless questions of a crowd of suitors, sight unseen, until the zany answers have eliminated all but that one perfect love match.

According to a Roper Youth Poll, the two hottest TV shows among teens this season are the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" and the evening soap "Melrose Place."

"The Jon Stewart Show," a late-night talk show aimed at Generation X, fails to catch on. During the final taping, host Stewart says, "To all those people who said my show wouldn't last, I have only one thing to say. Good call."

Jim Carrey earns \$20 million for the starring role in the comedy *Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls*, a sequel to the extraordinarily popular *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*.

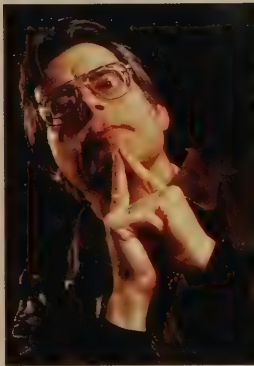
The popular NBC TV series "Friends" returns for a second highly rated season. Its runaway success inspires less successful imitations by other networks.



Sam Jones, Gamma/Liaison



Ten years after creating the popular comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," cartoonist Bill Watterson retires in December.



Horror-fiction author Stephen King signs a deal with Signet books to release his upcoming story, *The Green Mile*, as a paperback series.



Fox TV's "The X Files" stars David Duchovny as an FBI agent who investigates supernatural phenomena. The show becomes a surprise hit, giving millions of viewers reason to look forward to staying home on a Friday night.



Devoted fans will not be denied another season of NBC's sitcom "Seinfeld" after all. Creator Jerry Seinfeld decides to keep his "show about nothing" going for an eighth season.

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John Chlason, Gamma Liaison

Their down-to-earth style and soulful pop songs make Hootie and the Blowfish popular favorites. Their debut album *Cracked Rear View* sells over 5 million, and the group is named Best New Artist at the MTV Music Awards in September.



Blues Traveler emerge from the underground scene to widespread popularity with their album *Four* and the single "Run-Around."



Steve Granitz, Retna

Cleveland-based rap group Bone Thugs-n-Harmony vault to the top of the charts with some old-fashioned harmonizing on the album *E. 1999 Eternal*.



John Bellissimo, LGI



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Rocker Melissa Etheridge follows top-selling *Yes, I Am* with her fifth album, *Your Little Secret*.

Yoko Ono and Little Richard join a host of celebrities at the opening of the glitzy Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland on September 1.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Twenty-year-old Canadian newcomer Alanis Morissette raises some eyebrows with her up-front, aggressive lyrics and attitudes. Nevertheless, her album *Jagged Little Pill* goes double platinum.



Fotex from Shooting Star

Sixties icon Jerry Garcia, guitarist of The Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack on August 9 at age 53. Garcia's musical roots in blues, country and folk are apparent in hits like "Truckin'." Legions of Deadheads mourn his passing.



Todd Gray, LCI

Brandy, whose self-titled platinum album and single "I Wanna Be Down" hit high on the R&B charts, sweeps the first Soul Train Music Awards in August. The 16-year-old singer wins Best New Artist, among other awards.



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Beatlemania returns in 1995 with ABC's six-hour documentary *The Beatles Anthology*, the video releases of *A Hard Day's Night* and *Help!* and the album collection *Anthology*, featuring previously unreleased material.



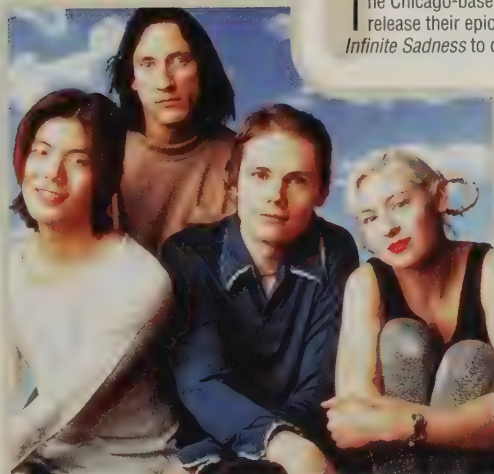
Des Willie, Retna

The chart-topping movie soundtrack *Dangerous Minds* features Coolio's rap anthem "Gangsta's Paradise," the number-one single of the year according to *Billboard* magazine.

Live dedicate their single "Lightning Crashes" to victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. The rock band's *Throwing Copper* album yields three hit singles; Billboard Music Awards names them Rock Artist of the Year.



Joe Gron, LGI



Mark Hauser, LGI

The Chicago-based rock band Smashing Pumpkins release their epic double album *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness* to critical and public acclaim.



Ronnie Wright, LGI

Mariah Carey's *Daydream* sells over 5 million copies, taking number-one spot on the *Billboard* album chart. Carey performs with Boyz II Men on the hit single "One Sweet Day."

flash

R.E.M.'s summer tour is interrupted by medical emergencies for three of the band's four members. The tour, their first in five years, is eventually completed with all members in good health.

In October, David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails wrap up the U.S. portion of Bowie's world tour. At each show, Bowie and Trent Reznor's band play a set together. In December, Bowie tours Europe with Morrissey as his opening act.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers tone down their trademark bawdiness in their newest album, *One Hot Minute*.



Steve Double, Retna



Jeffrey Scales, LGI

Atlanta's TLC is honored at the Billboard Music Awards for providing two of the year's biggest hits. "Creep" and "Waterfalls" both lead the Hot 100 singles charts for weeks.

Former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl plays a new sound as guitarist and lead singer in the Foo Fighters, an alternative rock band that enjoys three singles off their self-titled debut album in 1995.



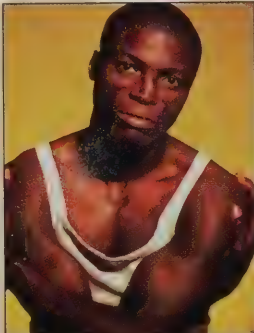
Ron Davis, Shooting Star

A hard-luck story turns into overnight success in the case of Canadian Shania Twain, born in poverty to an Irish mother and an Ojibway Indian father. Twain's 1995 hits include "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" "Any Man of Mine" and the title tune to her 3-million-selling album *The Woman In Me*.



Steve Simons, Shooting Star

Success doesn't mellow the style of alternative rock band Green Day, who release their anxiously awaited fourth album *Insomniac*, their fastest and darkest album to date.



Steve Jennings, LGI

Seal's hit off the *Batman Forever* movie soundtrack, "Kiss From a Rose," is all over the summer playlists. The single propels the artist's self-titled album to the double-platinum mark.



Marc Morrison, Shooting Star

With the record-setting sales of his album *Fresh Horses*, only three musical acts in U.S. history outsell country music icon Garth Brooks: the Beatles, the Eagles, and Billy Joel.



Smith, Gamma Liaison

Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music queen, is gunned down in Corpus Christi in March 1995 by Yolanda Saldivar, former president of her fan club. The July release of a collection of Selena's hits, *Dreaming of You*, sees some of the fastest sales in music history.

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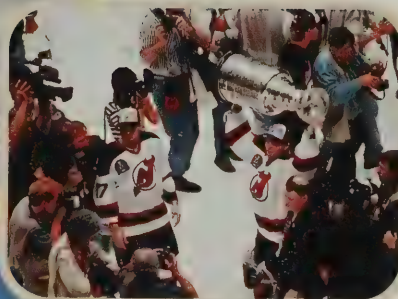
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International soccer star Michelle Akers, world's top woman player, leads the U.S. women's soccer team to a 2-1 sudden-death victory over Norway in the U.S. Cup title game in August.

Chris Cole, Allsport

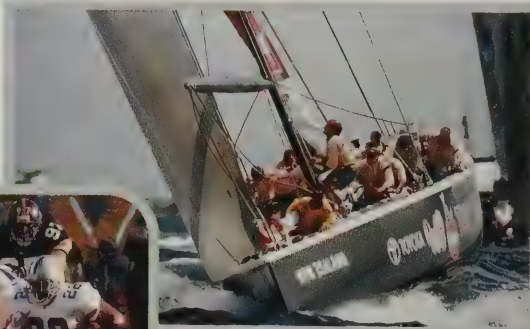


Focus on Sports

The New Jersey Devils win the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup, beating the heavily favored Detroit Red Wings in four straight games.

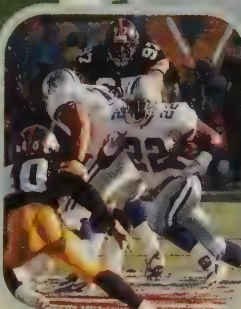


The most controversial moves are off the field this season as the Cleveland Browns NFL franchise announces its move to Baltimore and the Houston Oilers announce their move to Nashville.



Clark Campbell, Sipa Press

In May 1995, Peter Blake's Team New Zealand in "Black Magic 1" defeats Dennis Conner's team in "Young America" in the first 5-0 sweep in the 144-year history of the America's Cup.



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In Super Bowl XXX, the heavily favored Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. Dallas cornerback Larry Brown ices the game for the Cowboys with the second of his two interceptions, and is named MVP for his heroics.



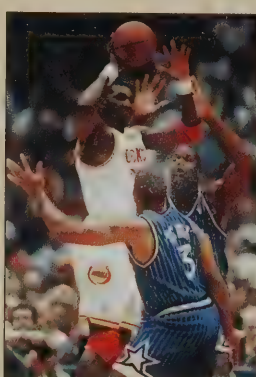
David Taylor, Allsport

Jeff Gordon, 24, dominates the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's Winston Cup, winning 7 of NASCAR's 31 races and earning \$4.3 million in 1995, a record for the sport.



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The University of Nebraska demolishes the University of Florida, 62-24, in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl to win their second consecutive national college football title and cap Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne's 23rd season.



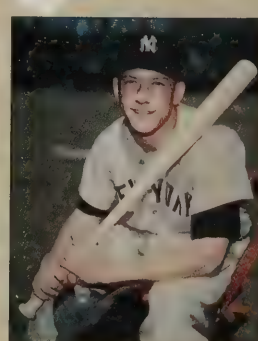
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The Houston Rockets, led by center Hakeem Olajuwon, win their second consecutive National Basketball Association championship in June, sweeping the series with the Orlando Magic in four games.



Steve Berman, Gamma Liaison

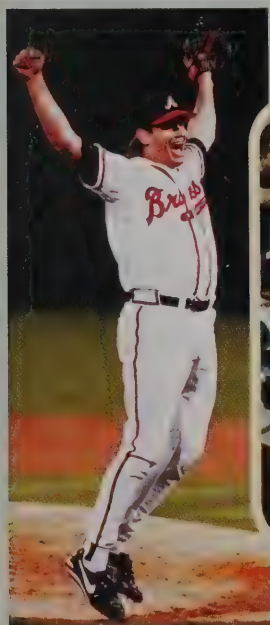
Twenty-one-year-old tennis champ Monica Seles, returning to competitive play two years after being stabbed at a tournament in Germany, wins the 1995 Australian Open.



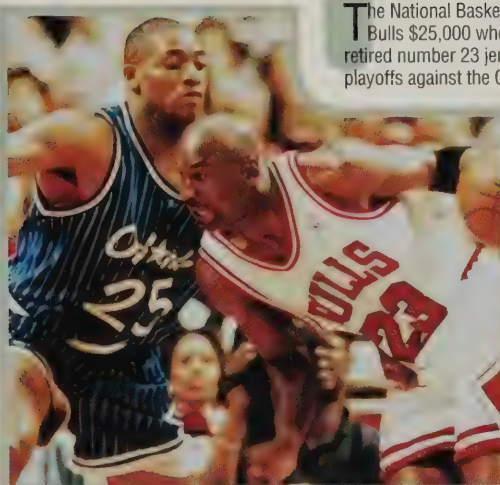
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Hall-of-Famer Mickey Mantle, a switch-hitter and one of the great sluggers in baseball history, dies of cancer on August 13. Mantle hit 536 home runs in his 18-year career and compiled a lifetime batting average of .298.

The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.



Ric Stewart, Allsport



Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison

The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.



Clive Brunskill, Allsport

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Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

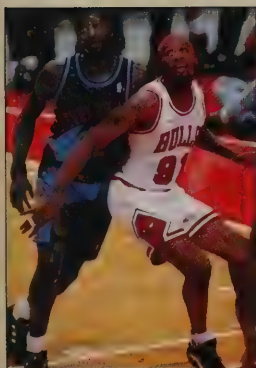
German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

Doug Pensinger, Allsport



In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.



AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs



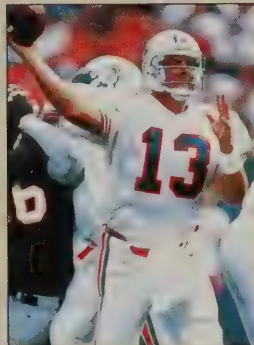
Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Scott Halleran, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.

Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.



Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison



The most recent fad in purses takes the form of small backpacks.

Designer water spreads to the pet world. Doting pet owners buy tuna-flavored bottled water for Fluffy and beef-flavored bottled water for Spot.



Diners are treated to variations on theme cafes, as Hard Rock Cafe is joined by Fashion Cafe, Planet Hollywood, Harley-Davidson Cafe, and London's Cyberia Cafe where patrons sip coffee and surf the Internet.



First in the long, popular history of M&M's candies: a new blue M&M joins the colorful candy-coated mix.



Young people continue to follow the wide-leg jeans trend, forsaking tight jeans for a loose baggy fit.



The tattoo craze leads to some regret, but recent laser developments keep people from being marked for life. Pulsed laser light, a different wavelength for each color in the tattoo, removes pigment without leaving scars.



Logo-wear reaches a new level of sophistication. Among the reigning makers of athletic wear, only Nike can spark recognition without the use of its name.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Americans consume culture and history as attendance at America's 8,000 museums climbs to 600 million people per year, more than movie, theater, and sports attendance combined.



Girly things enjoy a surge in popularity with young women, who wear baby barrettes, knee socks, tiny t-shirts, little jumpers, and funky Maryjanes, and kid around with "Hello Kitty" accessories.

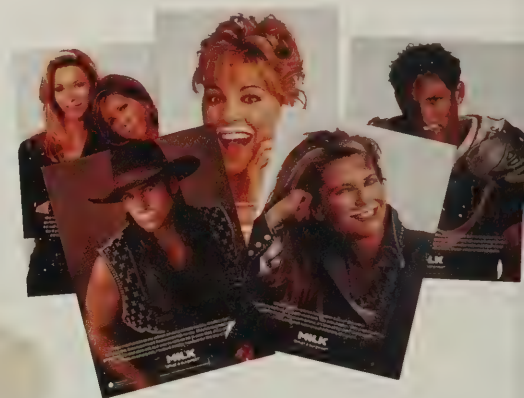


Lynn Goldsmith, LGI

Taking her place among controversial talk-show hosts as the "Oprah for the junior set," Ricki Lake speaks to such concerns as, "Mom, when my boyfriend gets out of jail, I'm taking him back."



The angel message of "fear not" strikes a deep chord with Americans' yearning for spiritual growth and comfort in a stressful time. People enjoy angel collectibles, angel sites on the Internet, and angel books and magazines.



"Some pretty cool people drink milk" is the message carried by a high-profile ad campaign featuring a raft of popular celebrities sporting a white upper lip on behalf of the healthy beverage. The milk-moustache effect is created with latex, a rubber-based paint.

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